The Government is thinking of ending the May Day Bank holiday after this year and adding the day to the spring Bank holiday to make a four-day break at the end of May. Mr Michael Alison, Minister of State for Employment, reported complaints about the number of holiday breaks in the spring.

Walesa 'expects release soon'

Mr Lech Walesa is still enthu-siastic and believes he will be freed "for good" by March 7 to attend the baptism of his baby daughter, Maria Victoria Father Henryk Jankowski, chaplain to Solidarity, said after visiting the union leader Priests accused, page 7

Prior to speak on De Lorean

Mr James Prior, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, may make a Commons statement on Friday on the future of the De Lorean Motor Company. Mr John de Lorean and his fellow board members will meet Mr Prior tomorrow.

Former agent in drugs ring

Howard Marks, a former agent for MI6, pleaded guilty at the Central Criminal Court to his part in an international drug smugsling group. Marks, aged 36, of west London, was sen-tenced to three years' imprison-ment A tangled world, page 3

Friedman turns on Thatcher

Professor Milton Friedman, the Chicago economist and leading proponent of the monetarist policies adopted on both sides of the Atlantic, has rounded on the British Govern-ment and said that the performauce under Mrs Thatcher has been "terrible" Page 13

Thorn's jab

The EEC needed drastic economic measures, Mr Gaston Thorn, the President of the European Commission, told the European Parliament. Condemning internal dissensions, he said the Community was herching from wine war to turkey fight. A single market was threatened from all sides

Holiday reprieve British Caledonian is to lease two of Laker Airway's 380-seat DC10s for £1m. The move has companies from a scramble for aircraft seats Page 3 Page 3

Aggett' beaten

Dr Neil Aggett, the white trade union leader who died in South African police custody, was stripped, ill-treated and beaten, Mrs Helen Suzman claimed in Parliament in Cape Town Page 7

Rules revision

The rules of golf, which are so complicated that even some of the game's most knowledge shie caperts are sometimes caught out, are to be rewritten in a form that the average galfer will understand Page 18

TROUBLED ALLIES

In this second of a series of naticles by former world leaders, Willy Brandt, West German Chancellor from 1969 to 1974, organs that Nato must not abandon the fundamental goals it set itself in 1967-milltare equilibrium, political de-tento and balanced disarma-

World Cup form guide

A detailed guide to the form during the past year of the 24 national football teams who have qualified for the World Cup Final; which start is Spain in Jone appears in The Times

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BR postpones accepting report: strikes to go on

By David Felton, Labour Reporter

British Rail refused last night to accept for the time being the committee of peng the committee of inquiry's report into the six-week-old railways dispute despite the report's being approved by the three unions in the industry. There was no early indication that the series of 24-hour Aslef strikes will be called off.

The management is not convinced that the report, which the Associated Society of Locothe Associated Society of Loco-motive Engineers and Firemen proclaimed a victory for its case, is clear enough on whether the union will be com-mitted to the introduction of productivity measures involv-ing the abandonment of the present eight-hour working

day.

The Aslef executive decided to accept the report of Lord McCarthy's committee with the proviso that British Rail would immediately pay the 3 per cent pay rise that the management has been withholding from the footplatemen since the beginning of the year. The executive had insisted that the strikes would not be called off—the next is due to take place tomorrow—until British Rail had notified its staff of its intention to pay the increase intention to pay the increase to the 20,000 drivers.

to the 20,000 drivers...

Last night, after a three-hour meeting of the the railways board, Sir Peter Parker, its chairman, said: "I would like to be a little clearer on the commitment to productivity, and when we get that clarity we will then make up our minde.

We have to pay 3 per cent for something not nothing. We want to be absolutely sure that there is no dubiety at all on the productivity."

In the meantime the 3 per cent would be withheld although the board believed that the report had several positive aspects. Management officials asked the Advisory. Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) to seek the clarification the board wants.

Mr Pat Lowry, chairman of Acas, later invited the management and the three unions

Aslef's general secretary, said that the report was "a victory for Aslef and a victory for the train drivers who had stood firm over the weeks". He emphasized that Lord McCarthy had supported the line that Aslef had been taking since the start of the dispute.

His view was not universally

the start of the dispute.

His view, was not universally shared, however, and as well as British Rail, the other two rail unions believe that Aslefs acceptance of the report committed it to introducing the controversial flexible rostering which has been at the heart of the dispute that has so far cost the railways more than

Aslef refused to give evidence to the committee of inquiry, saying that it could not agree with flexible rostering's being included in the terms of reference. British Rail has suggested to Acas a form of words that it hopes to get Aslef to agree to, committing the upon to the introduction of flexible roster-

Mr Bucktondenied last night Mr Bucktondenied last night that Asler's acceptance of the report committed it to flexible rostering, saying: "We will not be a party to the elimination of the guaranteed eight-hour day. We shall go into negotiations and we shall see what they bring."

It was that remark that persuaded the board against immediate acceptance of the report.

The inquiry recommended that as the 3 per cent was paid the introduction of flexible rosters of seven and nine hours should be put into the industry's negotiating machinery, and laid down that it should be referred up to the railway staff's national tribunal if there was no agreement. Lord McCarthy is also chairman of the national tribunal which will make final judgment

on the introduction of new rosters. Asief believes the new rosters will lead to the loss of 4,000 fontplate jobs.

The National Union of Railwaymen and the Transport Salaried Staffs Association have already agreed to flexible. already agreed to flexible rostering and have been paid

The McCarthy report recommended that, subject to Asief's agreeing to a strict negotiaring timetable with a final deadline of March 19, British Rail should off and the people concerned should get back to normal working as quickly as possible"

McCarthy report, page 2

Soviet ship sinks in rig disaster area

By Our Foreign Staff

A Soviet cargo ship sank hour later came the last vesterday in an Atlantic storm message: "We are taking to near the area where the big the boats."

oil rig, Ocean Ranger, went From that moment indenear the area where the big oil rig, Ocean Ranger, went down on Monday Rescue of-ficials said they feared that altogether more than 100 men had perished in the mountainous seas.

The Soviet ship, the Mekhanik Tarasov, had a crew of 37. There were \$4 people on the rig. The rescue officials in Hailfax, Nova Scotia, said that picked up and that 15 bodies had been found.

While Canadians became enmeshed in a controversy about safety standards and the opersafety standards and the operation of rigs in heavy winter weather, the 2,500-ton Soviet factory snip. Tolbachik, and a 444-ton Faroese trawler, the Sigurdiarid, parrolled the area where the Mekhanik Tarasov sank. Two rig service vessely and two Buffelo aircraft yearched for hodics where the Ocaan Ranger won down in Ocean Ranger went down in the Hibertia oil field. Helicopters were grounded because of a risk that the rotors would

The 4.262-ton Mekhanik Tarasov, seiling to Europe from the St Lawrence river port of Trois Rivieres, developed a pronounced list during the night before going under.

Rescue officials said that two lifeboats from the Cargo ship had been sighted and a third was missing. "We don't know where it is—it could be on the sunken ship", one said. The lost Russian seamen may have died needlessly. A Swed-ish ship stood by for three hours and a half to take them fast awaiting the arrival of a Sovie: trawler that was battling towards them through winds of up to 100 mph.

A coastguard ship was diverted from its course to the Ocean Ranger disaster area but when it reached the loca-tion of the Russian vessel it

was all over. Meanwhile, the oil industry was in a state of shock at the speed with which the huge structure of the Ocean Ranger slid beneath the sea 160 miles from St Johns. The coastruards were alerted by the captain at about 1 am on Monday that the rig had developed a list of around 15 degrees. Half-an-

quacies in the rescue services became apparent. Helicopters were available near by but they are of limited use when sleet and snow enter search operations.

The nearest fixed-wing Buffalo search aircrait was five hours away on Prince Edward Island and it had to stop at St John's to refuel before heading out into the Atlantic. When it eventually located the site the

rig had disappeared.

It took more time to locate two of the rig's lifeboats and it was even longer before a third was discovered. By then more than 12 hours had eiapsed. However, the storm was savage even by the standards of the

North Atlantic.

For years Newfoundland's leading politicians, regardless of party, have demanded a full rescue unit at or near St John's. which was yesterreav mourning the loss of dozens of local men.

More than half of the victims came from the island of Newfoundland and elergymen had to struggle through parany ice treats to reach village. naut to study to reach villages, hamlets and outlying houses in order to comfort relatives. Apart from Canadians, the dead included 15 Americans. and one Briton. At sea the Atlantic swell was still 30ft, the wind more than 20 knots. And in the aftermath, there were more questions than answers. Is it true that lost Saturday week the crew of the Saturday week the crew of the Ocean Ranger scrambled for lifeboats when the rig listed badly? Were they familiar with emergency procedures? And did most of the 80 or so men try to cram into one boat equipped for 50 to 58 people? Crewmen from the Ocean Ranger, who were ashore on leave or off-shift when it such,

have been making allegations of "lackadatsical" safety measures on the rig.

Mr Robert St Aubin, an icewatcher, was quoted in the Ottawa Citizen as saying that a was riddled with errors and confusion. When the alarm sounded, there was chars.

All the people at the high station went to the lower one. We have 63 people at my life-boat and it only holds 58.

Hazards for crews and MPs

query seaworthiness, page 6



Prior wins approval for Ulster assembly

By Philip Webster Political Reporter

Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, yesterday won the approval of his Cabinet colleagues to go ahead at full speed with his plans for devolved government in the province, including the setting up of a 78-member assembly.

After seeing his proposals, the Cabiner's overseds and defence committee inseeting under the chairmanship of Mrs Margaret Thatcher, gave Mr Prior clearance to attempt to complete his talks with political parties in Ulster and to bring forward a draft White Paper and a draft Bill within the next few weeks.

Mr Prior would like to have legislation setting up the assembly, to which powers would gradually be granted under a system which has become known as "rolling devolution," on the statute book befire the summer recess. But that he told colleagues, would depend on him gaining some degree of acceptance for his plans from Northern Ireland politicians.

in a speech to the Conserva-tive Bow Group at the Commons last night, Mr. Prior remarked: "It may be that at the end of the day I conclude that a new initiative just ther a new initiative just could not work: that the dif-ferences between the parties remain so great that it would be pointless to try". But if that happened it would be a great trapedy for the people of Narional Institute he added

Northern Ireland, he added. The emphasis being placed The emphasis being placed by Mr Paior on winning acceptance for his plans rather than airning for outright agreement was similificant. The reaction from Uister politicians has so far been predictably mentions but he is hoping that the extraction of power will enterest has for more will enterest the form main called. courage the four main political or : porale a chance.



Mr James Prior : Narrowing differences.

He told the Bow Group : " At present the 82nd Airborne
Division is based at Fort Bragg,
North Carolina where it forms
an integral part of the RDF,
the force designed to combat
Soviet expansionism in the
region. Troops from the unit
played a key role in the
Bright Star desert exercises m not setting out to seek full accoment from all the parties. 117 objective is much more to try to narrow the differences ment within proportions which are at least manageable."

Under Mr Prior's plans an assembly would be established, with departmental committees; no real nowers until its mem-bers decided they wanted them. Elections to the assembly would be held later this year would be held later this year but it would be manred devolved powers only with the support of as weighted, majority of its members, so defined as to ensure the backing of the Catholic minority.

Mr Prior told the Cabhoet committee that the figure he had in mind was a 70 per cent majority, although this was not regarded as rigid. The plans also envisced the formation of an executive and that too. an exercise and that, too, Continued on back page, col 4

'Ludicrous' nil pay increase angers civil servants' union

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

what the Government is trying to do. We will be seeking arbitration as soon as pos-

sible".

There was no threat of a repeat of the 21-week dispute that paralysed key sections of the Civil Service last year and led to the setting up of the current mounty under Sir John Mesaw a former appeal court

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Megaw, a former appeal court judge. His report is expected in the summer.

In detail, yesterday's Treasury package offer gives 65,000 employees no pay rise; 1 per cent to 70,000; 15 per cent to a further 95,000 and the largest rise of 5.5 per cent to 240,000—almost half the service. There would be no increase for most

The Government vesterday unveiled plans to introduce "market forces" into public service pay. Civil servants were offered wage rises ranging from nil to 5.5 per cent, depending upon whether there were any staff recruitment problems in their grade. Cabinet had approved the step in advance of the report of the Megaw Committee which is in-vestigating Civil Service pay and the forces which should be and the forces which should be taken into account.

Mr Campbell Christie, deputy general secretary of the Society of Civil and Public Servants, said: "The Government is tampering with the system for deciding Civil Service pay at a time when an independent inquiry—appointed by the Government itself—is considering the whole issue. There will be widespread indignation at what the Government is trying

Civil service union leaders immediately denounced the Treasury's Sirom salary package as "stupid and ludicrous" and told ministers they would go directly to arbitration because there was no point in further negotiations.

About 65,000 government white-collar employees, one in eight, will receive no pay rise at all this year. Young people fore worst as most staff under 21, employed on pay scales related to age, stand to get nothing.

The Treasury said it had pay policy because the Civil Service had no difficulty in recruiting the staff it needed, in most grades, at present rates of pay. The biggest increases, of 2.5 per cent on April 1 and a further 3 per cent during the year, are being offered to the most senior and experienced staff in each

They are the people the Civil Service finds it most difficult to retain in competition with the private sector, and the Government had for some time

However, the unions were last night outraged that the

600 American

troops for Sinai

From Christopher Walker Jerusalem, Feb 16

The American Government

has decided to station troops of its Rapid Deployment Force

staged in Egypt toward the

In Western diplomatic circles

there was speculation tonight that the Pentagon plan will in-

crease suspicions about the Sinal force in the Soviet Union and among the radical Arab

These are already implacably opposed to it as it is an essential prop to meiataining the Camp David peace process.

During the long and complex

diplomatic manocurres neces-sary to establish the force, the Reagan Administration was accused by its critics abroad

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end of last year.

combat

middle of March

warned the union that it in-Service salary structure to take account of such market

would be no increase for most adult new recruits in their first year of service, and no change in the lowest step of incremental scales at any level. Another controversial aspect is the affirite one or were is the offer to enter into nego-tiations with private medical insurance companies to see whether the Government could obtain discounts for its employees. If this proved possi-ble, leach individual could choose whether to take advan-

allowances are included. Mr William Kendail, general secre-tary of the Council of Civil Service, Unions, said: This stupid and Audicrous offer is a cynical angularities that it is an inference of something. It is an inference offer, calculated to exact here an already discount industrial relations situation.

3.4 pc offer

and to pay the costs.

The Treasury is also breaking new ground by making interesting pay advances for the purchase of season fickets. Some modest improvements in leave

Teachers reject

Jetsave chief disowns \$2m executive jet

Associated Communications hour to keep in the air, they do not fit in with an ailing company. Although the air the rireumstances of a \$2m (\$1.09m) order for an eight want nothing to do with it at seater Cessna jet for the group's Jetsaye subsidiary.

Last September 1

or its kapid Deployment Force in the Sinai as part of the international Peacetkeeping Force. The plan will involve the stationing of 600 combat troops from the Erack 82nd Airborne Division in the heart of the Middle Bast from the middle of Machine Peacet in the Peacet in the Middle of Machine Peacet in the Middle of Machine Peacet in the order, on which a \$500,000 deposit has already been paid, was placed last summer when Lord Grade was chairman and Mr Jack Gill was deputy chairman of the tour operator, which is 85 per cent owned by ACC. Serior American sources told The Times today that the 600 paratroopers will form the core of the United States proposed contribution of about 800 mem to the 2,500 strong force.

But Mr Reginald Pycroft, Jessave managing director who owns the remaining 15 per cent stake, said last might This jet was ordered without my approval, without my board's epproval and against my advice and wishes.

force.

The American troops will be stationed at a new £40m base new bring constructed by a construction of three American Contractors at Sharm E! Sheith, the Red Sea port on the southernmost tip of the Sinai peninsula.

At present the \$2nd Airborne decadence, they cost £500 an

When I discovered about last autumn that it had been ord-ered, I formally disassociated

myself from it. Executive jets are the ultimate in corporate

suddenly departed as managing director of ACC and High Court action is still pending to stop a record £560,000 heing paid to him for loss of office, which is part of a £750,000 golden handshake.

ACC's investigation into the purchase of the aircraft is part of an exercise by Mr Robert Holmes a Court, the new chairman, to cut what he describes as the former extravagance of ACC, which included the purchase of four yaches and a fleet of Rolls-Royce company Care.

Mr Holmes a Court said: Mr Holones e Court said:
"We are applying the normal commercial standards. The tandards of this company had been extravagant."

Directors' shares, page 13

A cruiser for P&O made in By Alan Hamilton

With a boldness worthy of the old Elizabethan adventurers. P & O. the Brinish shipping company, has placed an order for the largest and most expensive purpose built cruise ship ever constructed, to enter service late in 1984.

vice late in 1984.

The 40,000 ton vessel, to be built in Finland at a cost of 180m, will carry 1,200 passengers in unashamed and expensive luxury. As yet annamed, and known only as "Yard No 464", the new ship will be considerably smaller than either the Queen Elizabeth II (57,000 tons) or the P & O flagship, Canberra (45,000 tons); but both, those vessels were also built for regular passenger service, a trade that is all but dead.

No 464 will still be the larg est passenger ship ordered by a British line for 20 years, and will increase the P & O cruise fleet, already the world's larg-est, to eight.

Announcing the order yesterday, Dr. Rodney Leach, chairman of P. C. Cruises, said that 19 shopards throughout the world had been approached, including British Shipbuilders including British Surpounders and the troubled Harland and Wolff yard in Belfast, but none of the United Kingdom beriders had been able to satisfy P & O's requirements on price and delivery dates.

on price and delivery dates.

The contract has gone to the Wartsila yard in Helsinki.

We believe they have the right degree of experience, and the most imaginative ideas; but they finally wor on cost and time. Dr Leach said.

Britons will not build No 464, nor will they be the first to sail in her. She will enter service initially on the lucrative and still-growing North American cruise inarket, where P & O has established such a reputation that it is now the largest cruise operator on the west coast, and in need of more tomage to satisfy demand.

demand.

Later the new vessel will operate in both the European and Pacific cruising markets. but she will remain a British-rebistered ship.

F & O has managed to ride the storms of fecesion better than some competitions by operating in the relatively mirroubled, waters, at the top end of the market. Internal details of No 464 are being kept secret, but D. Leach gave an assurance that it would contain many innovative features and maintain the standards of posh " critising invented by P & O a century ago.

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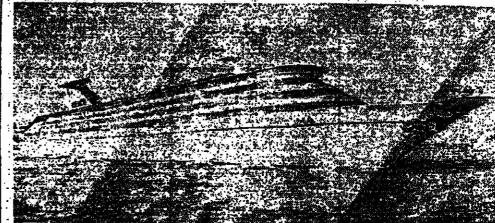
Union leaders representing a company and Wales firmly rejected an opening offer from local authorities yesterday of a 3.4 per cent pay increase, which they described as an insulfation corespondent, writes). The teathers are seeking an increase of 11-12 per cent from a April 1 to keep the purchasing power of their salaries in line with inflation. The average annual salary of a teacher is at present \$7.800; so a 3.4 per cent increase would mean about \$5 extra s week for the average teacher.

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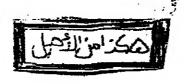
Minister about & O's decision (the ress Association reports). And Dr John Commingham, Labour's frombench spokes man on shipping said: "It is appalling that this major and significant order from one of the largest British shipping groups should have gone to a foreign pard."

She executive of the engineering union also sent telestrams to Mrs Margarel Thatcher, Mr James Prior, the Northern Ireland Secretary and the chairman of P & O deplaying the decision.

The executive asked Mrs Thatcher and Mc Prior to try to paralage P&O to use a to persuate P&O to use a British vard, end to give special attainion to Hacland and Wolff. Up to 1,000 jebs are to be axed at the starctured word in Illumia. owned yard in Ulster because of fulling orders.



An artist's impression of the luxury liner to be built for P&O and due to enter service in late 1984.



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in tracing Dietary control of **swindlers** By Anthony Bevins **Political Correspondent**

side-effect of cancer By the Staff of "Nature"

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by tumours of substance that cause the destruction the concentration of cal mour.

colleagues at Harvard Medical School and the Massachusetts Hospital in Boston, The original aim of Dr

ation Accounts. amounts to £3,626,485 in supplementary benefit, £125,058 in family benefits and £48,863 in pensions. Employment Department figures for irrecoverable benefit fraud losses, which are not published, give a provisional estimate of £434,155 for 1980-81

£33m spent

The Government spent more than £33m last year in

according to government

But the irrecoverable fraud

losses of £4,234,561 in 1980-81.

partly reported to Parliament by Sir Geoffrey Otton, the

Second Permanent Secretary

at the Department of Health and Social Security, were not

the total figure, more remains

Mr Barry Sheerman, Labour MP for Huddersfield,

East, has been told by the Minister for Social Security,

Mr Hugh Roasi, that there were an estimated 2,250 officials engaged in specialist

fraud duties at the end of last

The cost of salaries amounted to £18.1m and other

Services, told the Commons last May that the employment of an additional 1,050 special-

sts on social security fraud

and abuse had saved the Government an estimated

£40m in 1980-81. He also said:

'In total, DHSS staff working in this field, who number about 5,600, saved the tax-payer and the contributor

some £170m during 1980-81."

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made because of fraud, given by Sir Geoffrey for 1980-81 in the year's official Appropri-

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not provided with a veto which they alone need interpret.

On the other hand, the two agreements are obviously related, in that they would not have been

m that they would not have been signed with each other. The productivity understanding was what the Board required before it would implement Decision 75. The unions agreed, because they wanted to secure the additional

Our own view is that what has been agreed so far as a result of these separate but related under-standings reflects credit on those involved; nothing in this report is intended to undermine or detract from what has been achieved.

which brings us to the nature of the disagreement between the board and the Aslef. The stated

of the disagreement between the board and the Aslef. The stated view of the board is that subparagraph 2(c) involves and implies far-reaching changes in existing agreements and practices. They also take the view that its implementation is inextricably bound up with their proposals to move towards the shorter working week. What has been suggested has already been agreed with other grades — most notably in respect of guards. The board considers this practical and reasonable and agrees that it should be accepted in principle by the Aslef.

The Aslef view, as we understand it, does not seek to renege on the understandings of August, 1981, which they endorsed at the subsequent RSNC.

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What it does is challenge the board's interpretation of them as they apply to footplate grades. In particular, their view seems to be that the implications of sub-paragraph 2(c) can be reconciled with existing agreements, including the introduction of the shorter working week as specified in the 1980 agreement and paragraph 2 of the understanding on pay.

We fully understand the board's viewpoint, and why it takes the view it does; what we feel is that within the context of its own commitment to improve productivity and contain costs the Aslef must be given an opportunity to make their case for an alternative solution in a forum where the board can rely on receiving a speedy and independent judgment on the differences between them.

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differences between them.

But, given the present circumstances, it seems unreasonable and counter-productive to expect us to provide a definitive answer to the complex questions in the absence of the Aslef and in the middle of an industrial dispute which is causing great harm to the railway and inconvenience to the public. . . We feel that the best way out of the present problems is to find a means of utilizing the established machinery, bearing in mind the need to

from what has been achieved.

No figures are provided on the amount of money recovered, but the department counters any attempt to compare the outlay of £33m with the £4m net loss by pointing out that the "writeoff" bears no relationship to the total size of the fraud and abuse problem".

An undated memorandum from the Secretary of State, in the House of Commons library, says that the f4m relates only to fraud, "and not to abuse such as voluntary unemployment".
It says that the £4m relates

only to discovered fraud, "not to the total loss to public funds".

Finally, it has no regard to the benefit that would have been paid if our specialists had not detected and stopped the fraud. Hence the figure of £4m is irrelevant to the question of how much effort

should be put into tackling fraud and abuse.

problems is to find a means of utilizing the established machinery, bearing in mind the need to avoid unnecessary delay and safeguard the interests and agreements of all the parties.

We turn now to our attitude towards the board's decision not to pay the 3 per cent and its consequences. We feel that the best case that can be made for the board is that it had come to the conclusion that it was justified in acting as it did because Aslef was itself in breach of the productivity understanding.

The weakness of their position is, as the board's spokesman admitted, the pay understanding "was not conditional in the narrow technical sense on productivity being achieved, although it did include a very important clause referring to the important clause referring to the continuance of negotiations . . ." We find the we connot agree that there were no unused resources within the established machinery when the board decided to withhold navment of the 3 per cent. As the other unions state, there could have been a formal failure to agree on the November 30 at the level of the RSJC (Loco) which was used

to open the way to a further "declinature" at the subsequent RSNC.
This could have led to reference to the RSNT under t terms of Paragraph 65(b) of the machinery. Any award made would not have been binding, but would not have been binding, but in our experience the record of the parties indicates that an RSNT report would have been considered seriously, and might well have offered the best way out of the current impasse.

Of course we understand why the board decided instead to invoke the aid of Axas, but when the Aslef refused to agree the established procedure could have been tried. On the other hand, it has been put to us that the Aslef

been tried. On the other hand, it has been put to us that the Aslef is itself a party to the procedure, and that opportunities for further progression within the **CHEAPER**

further progression within the machinery were open to them also. Unfortunately we have not been able to put this point to them to obtain their response.

As it was the board decided to withhold the 3 per cent and the Aslef seems to have taken the view that until this decision was reversed they were not prepared to attend a meeting of the RSNC. As a result, the present dispute has escalated into a prolonged and damaging industrial conflict which we cannot believe that any of the parties either envisaged or desired. Our own view is that this was and is a disaster for the railway industry, but in the By Our Motoring

railway industry, but in the circumstances we do not feel it would help if we were to seek to apportion further blame.

tracking down people who were fraudulently drawing social security heraffic It may eventually be possible to treat a serious side. effect of some cancer cases by simple dietary means if the results of a series of model of cancer are re-

The experiments show tat the elevated levels of tumour- carrying rabbins are the result of increased intestinal absorption of dietary calcium, and can be prevented by the use of a

of secondary tumours in bones or of the secretion costs, including super-annuation, accommodation and travelling expenses, were put at £15.3m for the year. Mr Patrick Jenkin, then Secretary of State for Social Services told the Commons of bones. For example, there is strong evidence that the fatal increase in cium in the blood of rabbits with the experimental tumour known as Varis the result of secretion of a prostaglandin by the tu-

mour.
That idea, however, is
overturned in studies by b.
Samuel Doppelt and Professor John Potts and their Doppelt and his colleagues was to discover the degree

to which an inhibitor of prostaglandins could con-trol the blood calcium levels of rabbits carrying VX: tumours. For thirty days the animals were treated with the supposed inhibitor, but

without effect. Consequently half of them were switched to a diet that was essentially free of calcium, Within four days their blood calcium levels had become normal.

To confirm their unex-pected results Dr Doppelt and his colleagues first carried out similar experiments with a different. nhibitor of prostaglandin then with mice in place of rabbits. In all cases the tumours caused a severe increase in the concenblood, trolled which was controlled by calcium-free diets, but not by the inhibitors.

Dr Doppelt and his colleagues conclude that VX2 tumours probably seincreases the intestinal absorption of dietary cal-

It remains to be seen human cancer and, if so, whether a calcium-free diet will cause more problems than it will prevent

Source: Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, vol 79, p 640, 1982. C Nature-Times News Service 1982



Mr Barry Sheerman, given the fraud figures

METRO LAUNCHED

Correspondent
The success of Ford's basic Fiesta model, the Popular, has prompted BL to launch a cheaper version of the Metro. Called the Metro City, it costs £3.250 and goes on sale The car is £5 cheaper than

the Fiesta Popular and nearly £200 below the price of the present basic Metro model. BL predicts that the Metro City will account for up to 15 It is powered by a 998cc engine and gives more than 38 miles a gallon in town

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BLACKMAIL

BROTHERS ARE JAILED

Southampton

The sons of a former Governor General and Chief Justice of Sierra Leone were sent to prison yesterday for three years for demanding money with menaces from Lady Milton, the sister of Mr Airey Neave, the MP who was killed by an Irish terrorist bomb in 1979.

Mr Justice Sheldon at Milton and Milton at Milton and Milton at Milton and Milt Winchester Crown Court also recommended that Chadwick

and Mervin Bailor should be deported after serving their

sentences.
Chadwick Bailor, aged 24, of Landor Road, Claphan, South London, and Mervin Bailor, aged 30, of Sir. Francis Chichester Way. Battersea, South London, the sons of Sir Banja Tejan-Sie, both pleaded not guilty. During the four-day trial the court was told that Chadwick Bailor persuaded his brother to telephone Lady Milton at her home in Somerset last September, and

demand 52,000.

INCURABLE?-Yes.

UNHAPPY?-No.

More than a hospital much more than a Home

The British Home & Hospital

Findings of the McCarthy inquiry Use negotiating machinery, rail parties are told

The following are extracts from the conclusions of the committee of inquiry report and recommendations on the dispute between the British Railways Board and the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Fire-

Constraints and problems

When we agreed to undertake this inquiry we were well aware of a number of constraints and problems which we would need to problems which we would need to overcome. In the first place we were working against the back-ground of continuing industrial action and the loss of railway services and revenue. At the very least this has imposed on us the least, this has imposed on us the need to find a quick and effective basis for a return to normal

It has been our experience that best aids to arriving at lasting solutions to complex industrial problems. Secondly and just as important, we were already problem the operation of the fallway's established machinery is settling issues in dispute this settling is also the chairman of the Railway Staff National the Railway Staff National Tribual. We have all been members of past tribunals which have sade awards which were likely to be quoted in this

likely to be quoted in this manny. be quoted in this manny. The presumbly it was partly for this reason that we were asked by the chairman of Acas to undertake the inquiry—it must have been assumed that we knew something about the issues in dispute. But our past involvement has made us very much aware of the need to safeguard the continued acceptability of the establised machinery. We have, therefore, had to be careful to do nothing to undermine in future credibility in the eyes of all its signatories.

signatories.
Yet as things worked our, our third constraint proved to be the most severe. When we agreed to serve we were given reason to believe that all the parties to the machinery would appear before us. This did not turn out to be the case and although we tried to secure the basis for the participation of the Aslef, it has not proved possible to arrive at a proved possible to arrive at a mutually acceptable way of securing this objective. Neverthe-less, and after careful considerwe were convinced that it was in the interests of all that we should not abandon our allotted

Origins of the present dispute

Given these constraints, we feel able to pronounce upon the origins of the dispute. It arose out of the actions of the Board after the publication of RSNT decision 75. This decision was made under Paragraph 65(b) of the machinery and was not binding on any of the parties. The Board were, therefore, free to take the view that the recommended pay increase of a further 3 per cent from August 1981 was not acceptable to them unless there was more progress on "productivity mitiatives". But the unions accepted RSNT 75 as on "productivity initiatives". But the unions accepted RSNT 75 as it stood and did not find the Board's view acceptable. Both the NUR and the Aslef gave notice of strike action to induce the Board to honour the terms of decision 75 in full.

As a result the parties decided to obtain the assistance of Acas and after discussion two under-standings "were agreed. The first dealt with six areas where the Board wished to see further progress to improve productivity. This dispute most directly

(1) What was involved in sub-paragraph 2(c) which reads: "c Variable rostering hours within limits to be negotiated. Negotiations shall take place to establish variations to the rostering agreements with a view to introducing some flexibility around the eight the hour day, but without produc-ing unreasonable variation in the length of each working day of week. These discussions shall be concluded by October 31, 1981".

(2) It also concerns the "Understanding on Pay", the relevant parts of which read as follows:
"1 (ii) A further increase of 3 per cent on the rates prevailing on April 19, 1981 shall be paid to the same grades from August to the same grades from August 3, 1981, the actual payment being made in the first pay period in January 1982.

2 The introduction of the shorter working week pro-vided for in Paragraph 9 of the 1980 Pay Agreement shall be deferred until January 4 1982.

3 The constituent parties of the RSNC accept the com-ments set out in Paragraph 190 of the RSNC Decision 75 regarding the continuation of negotiations on productivity issues and commit themselves to continue the pro-gress that has already been

made in the areas covered by Clauses 1(i), (ii) and (iii) of the 1980 Pay Agreement''.

(3) The relevant terms of the 1980 Pay Agreement dealing with the shorter working week are as

"(9) The Board accepts a commitment to reduce the standard working week of staff covered by the RSNC from the present levels of 40 hours, for conciliation staff and 38 hours for related and 38 hours for salaried staff by the equivalent of one hour from November 1, 1981, providing this is done within the context of discussion of measures which will mini-mize the cost effect".

(4) Paragraph 190 of Decision

"We fully appreciate that given the financial and on the industry, adequate pay and conditions must continue to be dependent on what can be done to maintain and improve productivity. It has been made clear to us that the current proposals for productivity improve-ments were not before us as ments were not before us as a tribunal and we were not asked to take them into account. Nevertheless, we were told by the board that their present offer is dependent on the understanding that negotiations on productivity will continue. Moreover, all parties have pointed. result of negotiations last year. We welcome this development, and hope that it our decision gains aceptance further and more substantial

(5) In addition to these two

"I As a result of discussions beid under the auspices of Acas on August 18, 19, and 20 August 1981, the RSNC has reached an understanding on pay. Stemming from Paragraph 190 of RSNT Decision No 75, a separate understanding has been reached on productivity. Copies of these understandings are attached.

2 In the event of there being any problem regarding the spelication of either of the two understandings, the RSNC may request the further assistance of Acas.

3 The three unions (Aslef, NUR and TSSA) will take immediate steps to recommend these understandings for ratification by their respective executives, following which the Aslef and NUR will countermand their decisions to call out their members as from August 31 1981."

made any secret of his support for the British labour and trade union movements.

His career owes much to trade union backing. He left school at 14 and worked in a men's outfitters and as a clerk in the Army before trade union backing. He left and clerk in the Army before winning a scholarship to Ruskin College, Oxford, from

As we understand it the origins of the present dispute lie in the fact that there is no universally acceptable view of the obligations incumbent on one or another of the parties as a result of these agreements. We have to state, therfore, what we understand to be the position of each of them, to the best of our ability. his union, the old Clerical and Administrative Workers'. Lord McCarthy has retained an Oxford connexion ever since. After Ruskin, he won a first in PPE at Merton, and he became a research fellow at

The views of the parties

The Board's view is that an along they made clear their intention to regard their obligations under sub-paragraph 1 (ii) of the new sub-paragraph 1 u) of the pay understa conditional" on sat "conditional" on satisfactory "progress" in respect of the understanding on productivity.

They assert that although there was somewhat slow progress in the implementation of some other parts of the understanding, there is only one part where they are complaining about the rate of progress at the present time; that is, sub-paragraph 2(c) on (variable rostering hours within limits to be negotiated". And even here their complaint is one directed at the attitude of the Aslef.

The board charges the society with failing to negotiate — by which they mean that the Aslef has not been prepared to consider forms of flexible rostering which involve moves away from the existing expression. the eight hour guaranteed day...

In effect the board is saying that its declared intention to make the payment of the additional 3 per cent conditional

make the payment of the additional 3 per cent conditional on satisfactory progress on productivity justified it in refusing to grant Aslef members either more pay or shorter working hours, until a satisfactory agreement can be reached. However, the unions appearing before us do not accept that the board was justified in acting as it did. They stressed that the preamble to the understandings states that the productivity understanding was to be regarded as a "separate understanding" to that on wages.

It was true that reference was made, in peragraph 3 of the pay understanding to the terms of Paragraph 190 of RSNT Decision 75. But, say the unions, as set out these this does not justify

75. But, say the unions, as set out above this does not justify linking the 3 per cent payment to

ventions in disputes, rather British Rail into the indus-than his academic work, trial relations crisis which further progress on productivity. Indeed, this was precisely why the board felt that they could not accept Decision 75 as it stood. It accept Decision 75 as it stood. It was to remove the threat of "conditionality" that both the NUR and the Aslef threatened strike action. Evidence of their success lies in the specific terms of both agreements, which nowhere require payment to be conditional on satisfactory progress under any specified heading...

Nuffield College in 1959. He

is still a fellow of Nuffield and the Oxford Management

Centre and holds a university lectureship in industrial relation. It is for his inter-

Which brings us to the position of the Aslef itself. We have had to rely on the record of meetings of the RSNC and the RSJC (Loco) to gain our impression of their view.

The first point to make is that nothing has been placed before an

The first point to make is that nothing has been placed before us to suggest that the society has formally renegued on the understandings reached with the assistance of Acas, which were endorsed by Aslet at the subsequent RSNC. What they have done is to suggest that their implementation, in the forms he far advanced by the board, giverise to numerous difficulties and problems. These would invoice changes in existing agreements and understancings that would and understandings that would not be acceptable to their

members.

The most frequently raised problem seems to concern the implications for the existing agreement providing for a guaranteed payment of eight hours' pay—even where rostered hours are for less than this period. The society has taken the view that the abrovation of the magnification of the magnification. abrogation of the guaranteed payment agreement in its present form would represent a worsening

They have also argued that the specific examples of more flexible rostering placed before them suffer from practical defects; for example, they will require more administrative staff, create problems of "spare coverage" and be difficult to operate in periods affected by annual holidays. They are also said to be difficult to square with established practices relating to the "equalisations of

square with established practices relating to the "equalisations of earnings", and the protection of "sensible rest periods". Other problems raised include the "method of utilizing spare men" and the provision of special trains. On balance, say the Aslef, the board's proposals would produce "a considerable amount of chaos and might even result in the cancellation of services".

Peer with a mind for disputes

McCarthy, the arbitrator

made any secret of his is best known. He has been support for the British actively involved in industrial labour and trade union arbitration since 1968. He

By Ian Bradley

arbitration since 1968. He devised the formulas that

ended the firemen's strike

engineers' work-to-rule dur-ing the former Labour

Lord McCarthy has been chief arbitrator for the

railways since 1973. In the

view of many observers his period as chairman of the

Railway Staff National Tribunal has been character-ized by a rather too relaxed view of thef need to improve

productivity.

The decision of his tribunal

last summer to recommend a 10.5 per cent pay increase for all railwaymen surprised the

British Rail management by its generosity. It plunged British Rail into the indus-

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Lord McCarthy has never however, that Lord McCarthy has culminated in Asler's

In any case, the societu argues that the board already has at its disposal considerable flexibility to vary the length and timing of rostered hours. For example, these can be moved two hours either way from day to day under

either way from day to day under existing agreements.

Finally, the society says that the introduction of the shorter working week, under the terms of the 1980 Pay Agreement, is "reparate and apart" from the question of fiexible rostering. Yet once again, at least on earreading of these documents, the society has not wished to present its nosition as unremittingly society has not wished to present its position as unremittingly negative and obstructive. Thus it has been prepared to discuss the limits of "a mutually acceptable definition of flexibility around the eight hour day" — that is in the terms set out in sub-para-graph 2(c). Our documents also suggest that it has asked that management consider "a more acceptable

Not all his decisions have

been so favourable to the unions, however. In 1979, for

example, he rejected a 10 per cent productivity payment demanded by Aslef and recommended only 5 per cent.

Lord McCarthy has always

been a strong supporter of the Labour Party. He was a special

adviser on industrial relations to Sir Harold Wilson's government and he led the

attack on the present Government's Employment Act when it was going through:

He was ennobled in 1975. Both he and his wife are

mainstays of the Oxford Labour Party. Lord McCarthy's first book

was a defence of the closed

shop in Britain. His next will

be on strikes in the country

the House of Lords.

since the war.

Our own views It seems to us that before we can make our recommendations for dealing with this dispute, we need to state our own views on four related issues:

(1) The relationship between the understandings on pay and

productivity; (2) The nature of the disagreement between Aslef and the board at the time when the board decided not to pay the 3 per cent;
(3) The board's decision and its

(3) The board's decision and its consequences;
(4) The resources for settlement provided by the established machinery.
We accept that the board made it clear to the paties that it would not be possible to justify payment of the additional 3 percent unless there was satisfactory progress on the implementation.

cent uniess there was satisfac-tory progress on the implemen-tation of the productivity under-standing. In this sense it may be said to have made a statement of intent about its own future artitude.

But we also believe that the other parties made it clear that they did not share this view of the board's rights and obligations. They took their stand on the actual words in their stand on the actual words in the two understandings and the preamble which preceded them. On this matter it is clear to us that there is nothing in these agreements which makes the payment of the 3 per cent conditional on the Board's view that satisfactory progress had been achieved under a particular heading. In effect, the Board was The settlement proposals

rostering agreements with a view to introducing some flexibility around the eight-hour day, but without producing unreasonable variation in the length of each working day or week. These discussions shall be concluded by 31 October, 1981."

The introduction of the

ray agreement shall be do ferred until 4 January, 1982." b) The parties should agree a procedure for dealing with the way in which subparagraph 2(c) of the productivity understand-ing is to be applied to locomotive crades. This should take the form set out below:

(i) First, there should be meeting of the Railway Staff
Joint Council (RSJC (Loco))
within seven days of the
acceptance of our recommen(ii) Second, unless at the meeting of the RSNC there is agreement on a means of implementing subparagraph 2/c), or the RSNC agrees to extend this period, a failure to agree should be recorded and arrangements made for reference to the PSNT ence to the RSNT.

Unless there is agreement to extend the period of consideration by either the RSJC (Loco) or the RSNC, the parties should agree to a bearing before the RSNT on one of the following dates: March 15, 16 or 19 1982.

As the parties are aware there are aware there are a progressive procedures.

are two alternative procedures for securing access to the RSNT. One of these involves paragraph (5(a) of the machinery and requires the parties o accept a binding award. We understand why the hoard, at one stage in

enable the board to refer the issues in dispute to the RSNT in a form prescribed below.

e) To help in this case we consider that it would be advisable for us to recommend to the parties a form in which the issues in dispute should be placed before the RSNT. Our recom-

mendation is as follows:

"To ask the Railway Staff
National Tribunal, established
under appendix, part VI, to the
agruement in regard to the
machinery of negotiation for
railway staff, dated May 28,
1955 to consider (under the 1956, to consider (under the appropriate paragraph) . . the proposals of the British Railways' Board for the implemen-tation of subparagraph 2(c) of the 1981 productivity under-standing to footplete staff and to award."

More success for Jaguar. a subsidiary of Savoy

Last month provided more clear signs of significant progress in Jaguar

Cars' sales performance. In the UK, sales topped £91/2 million value, while January was the best ever for Jaguar in N. America. with more than six hundred cars sold-well over double last January

More good news inclu-

ded a £150,000 order from

Swan National Vehicle

Rental and a £130,000

order from Camelot cars-

Hotels-for ten XJ6 3.4 saloons to be used for VIP guests by the worldfamous hotel group's chauffeur-driven car hire company

Andit was also announced that increased output to meet this demand would lead to 400 additional jobs within Jaguar

Fighting back

The following proposals for a settlement were set out yesterday in Lord McCar-

The crux of our proposals lie in a reassertion of Aslef's commitment to the understanding of August, 1951, and a return to the established machinery in a form that will ensure a rapid, deciving serilement of the interest. decisive settlement of the issues

in dispute.

If a procedure to bring this about can be agreed between the parties, the Asief should call off its industrial comm and the board should agree to implement subparagraph 1(ii) of the pay understanding in respect of Asief members, although the way in which the shorter working week is to be implemented in this case will have to wait on the outcome of the dispute on flexible of the dispute on the outcome
of the dispute on flexible
rostering since it is the subject of
contention between the parties.
To this end we recommend:
a) The Asief should confirm its continued commitment to the continues commitment to me understandings of August, 1981, as endorsed by the Railway Staff National Council: in specific terms subparagraph 2(c) of the productivity understanding and paragraph 2 of the understanding

paragraph 2 of the unum stationing on pay, namely:
"c. Variable Rostering hours within limits to be negotiated. Negotiations shall take place to the establish variations to

shorter working week provided for in paragraph 9 of the 1980

of the RSNC within a further

Unless there is agreement to

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f) We have set out above a procedure for dealing with the way in which subparagraph 2(c) of the productivity understanddations. At that incenting board should present its proposals for implementing proposals for implementing 2(c) of the lations. At that meeting the this dispute, felt it could only cosent to invoke the aid of the The British Frame and Hospital by The BHHI receives no State and We cosent to invoke the and of the RSNT by the use of this procedure. They would be free to argue for its use in this instance. However, we cannot agree that this is the only way in which the established machinery can help. Therefore, if it is not possible to secure agreement to hinding way in which subparagraph Ac) of the productivity understanding is to be applied to footplate staff. Given the agreement of the parties in dispute to this procedure, we recommend that two things should happen: The Aslef should agree to call off all forms of industrial action and ceture to normal working. At the incurables specialises in looking must rely upon your generosity for a subparagraph 2(c) of the productivity understanding to footplate grades. Unless agreement can be reached on a after men and women suffering very worthy cause. from progressive paralyzing diseases. They need very special ment can be reached on a means of implementing subparagraph 2(c) within seven days, or unless the RSJC (Loco) agrees to extend this period, a failure to agree should be recorded and arrangements made for a meeting Some are belploss, bedridden ... these unlucky ones have to be nursed, really cored for, with compasssecure agreement to binding arbitration, use should be made of the normal avenue of advance to the RSNT, that is, by the use of paragraph 65(b). This would ion couriesy and patience. Crown Lane, Streatham, London SW18 3IB PATRON, HM OUZEN ELIZABETH, THE QUEEN MOTHER

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NEWS IN

SUMMARY

Edwardes

threat to

BL strikers

The BL board will on Friday consider closing down the company's vehicles plants at Leyland and Barbaate if the protest strikes against redundancies at the two factories are not called off by mass meetings (our Labour Correspondent writes). That was made clear in a hand-written letter from BL's chairman. Sir Michael Edwardes, delivered to the offices of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers yesterday as the executive of the union, the biggest in the Leyland group, met to consider the breakdown of peace talks on Monday.

on Monday.

The AUEW executive promised to continue formal backing if the strikes continued, but is at the same time

ensuring that the contents of Sir Michael's note are put to the mass meetings at the Lanca-

shire and Scottish plants to

merrow and Friday.

The letter is also being distributed to all national union officers.

Parents' say in control curriculum Canc backed by MPs Par Diana Geddes, Education Correspondent Training

Rationalization of the school curriculum and a greater say for parents in the education of their children are recommended by the Commons Select Committee on Education and Science in its report on the school provision for pupils aged 14 to 16, published yesaged yesaged 14 to 16, pub

first comprehensive survey of the secondary school curricu-lum and its legal framework since the passing of the Edu-cation Act. 1944, nearly forty

In the 150-page, wide-ranging In the 150-page, wide-ranging report, the committee says it is convinced of the need to take stock. Confusing and conflicting pressures had produced a secondary curriculum which seemed to have unclear targets. The system generated for children in different schools quite significant inequalities of opportunity.

portunity.

There were particular problems for children who moved from one area to another. The diversity of curricula left many parents and employers uncertain what to expect. Too many options had been introduced. The curriculum needed to be pruned and planned as a coherent, balanced package for each child.

The committee recommends that the new regulations requiring each school to publish information for parents be amended to lay down a re-quirement that such informa-tion include an explicit state-ment of the school's curricular aims together with details of what it offered.

It proposes a set of model principles to which the governors, and through them the head and staff of each school, should have regard in drawing up curriculum plans. The first of those principles, should, in the words of section 76 of the Education Act, be

Provincial

police get

more cash

By Peter Evans

ropolitan Authorities which was worried that the money available, £13m, would not be enough to meet authorities

ment squeeze, said: "Any help, however small, will make

a difference. No one wants to see the police budget cut. It is

Commons that the position of

a budget approved by the Home Secretary providing for total spending of £325m in 1982-83, which was about £13m

lower than estimated.
The Department of the En-

would be available to forces

The move is in response to complaints from the AMA

that the Government had increased the approved expen-diture for the Metropolitan

Police by 24 per cent, compared with an increase for other forces of 3.4 per cent. Five thousand jobs were threatened

in six key regional forces, according to the AMA.

In the House Mr Heseltine said he had shown his willingness to be flexible, but that

was not what a deputation from the West Midlands said

after seeing him last week He acknowledged that the local authorities had been set

tough targets, but the Govern-ment attached priority to law and order and had given its

costs priority. The Metropolitan Police

said yesterday that its precept had been raised mainly be-

cause of pay and price rises, more police officers on the strength, and the cost of civil

putside London.

Rationalization of the school with the provision of efficient

aged 14 to 16, published yesterday.

Mr Christopher Price, chairman of the ail-party committee, said their report was "the first comprehensive survey of the second it suggests, drawing on section 8 of the Act, should be that "all pupils have opportunities offering such variety of instruction and training as may be desirable in the second.

training as may be desirable in view of their different ages, abilities and aptitudes."

On discipline, the committee recommends that the school head, staff and governors, including parent governors. cluding parent governors, should be free to determine the disciplinary policy and practice of their own school.

As reported in The Times earlier this month, the commit-tee calls for the Education Act to be amended to give the Sec-retary of State clear powers to intervene where a "nationally agreed guaranteed (educational) provision appears to be at

However, the committee failed to make clear at its press conference yesterday who would decide what that nationally agreed provision should be, or how it would be guaranteed.

☐ The normally moderate, mildly-spoken Secondary
Heads Association, which includes the heads o funost of
the top public schools and
maintained secondary schools,
has written a letter of criticism to Sir Keith Joseph, Secretury of State for Education and Science, bemoaning the apparent impotence, dilatori-ness and lack of vision of his department.

Mr Donald Frith, secretary of the association, says he feels an increasing sense of exas-peration about the whole edu-

cational scene. The Secondary school curriculum and examinations, with special reference to the 14 to 16 year age group, House of Commons Paper 116-1 (Stationery Office, £7).

Laker rival leases of cannabis hidden in sound equipment for pop groups was sent to the United States in 1973, but the seventh cargo was discovered. Mr Marks pleaded guilty yesterday after his counsel had asked the court earlier to consider a plea of autre fois convict acquit, which Mr James Miskin, the Recorder of London, rejected. two DC-10s

The Government sought to lessen the prospect of cuts in spending on key provincial police forces yesterday by switching more money to them. The decision was greeted with caution by the Labour-controlled Association of Met-

film. The move has saved Britain's smaller package holiday companies from a scramble plane seats.

man of the West Midlands Police Authority, one of the worst effected by the govern-The two aircraft were comtoo important for that".

Mr Heseltine said in the police authorities ourside London would be improved by the news yesterday that the rate precept of the Metropolitan Police would be based on Viking International, acting on behalf of a group of 44 other boliday operators.

Mr Alastair Pugh, managing director of British Caledonian, said yesterday: "We are delighted that we will be able to provide the flights to ensure that the summer holiday arrangements of 45 United

colours for the period of the charter, which runs from April until the end of October, but will still be for sale, in the unlikely event that a buyer for them materializes. The charter will provide temporary work

British Caledonian has also applied to the Civil Aviation Authority for permission to take over Laker's licence to from Gatwick to Los

Sir Freddie Laker yesterday continued meetings in the City about his plans for a "People's Airline."

underwriting agents, New-green he said that "in view of his considerable financial green, he said that "in view of his considerable financial problems and bearing in mind Lloyd's continuing means test requirements he felt it only right to cease underwriting".

ports. Yesterday Mr John Rodgers, QC, prosecuting, said six loads of cannabis hidden in sound

By David Hewson

Two of Laker Airway's 380seat DC-10 aircraft will be back in the air in April, crewed largely by former Laker staff and flying under the flag of British Caledonian.

The firm has reached agree-ment with the Laker receiver for the lease of the two air-craft during the summer for

mitted to a summer boliday programme to the Mediter-ranean which would have carried about 175,000 passengers, most of them from small tour firms. British Caledonian's agreement will involve the charter of the aircraft to the tour company, Owner Services Ltd. and the air brokers,

Kingdom toor companies will operate as planned".

The aircraft will be repain-ed in British Caledonian's for about 120 people.

Angeles.

Marks was still at Oxford, drifting through jobs. He be-came director of a dress shop in Oxford called Annabelinda,

☐ Sir Freddie has stopped underwriting new business at Lloyd's, the London insurance market supported by wealthy individuals

He will remain a member of Lloyd's, but in a letter to his underwriting agents, New-



Policemen and pickets struggling yesterday outside the gates of the Laurence Scott factory, in Openshaw, Greater Manchester.

Pickets and drivers clash in dawn raid on factory

Trouble flared outside the closed Laurence Scott factory, in Manchester, yesterday when the owners moved in to take away machinery from the besieged plant. Two people were arrested, and later bound over to keep the peace, as stones and bottles were thrown

Howard Marks, sometime

Last autumn, Mr Marks, aged
36, of west London, was found
not guilty of being the British
mainstay of a plan to import
15 tons of cannabis into Britain

from South America, but he was jailed for two years for charges involving false pass-

cribed by friends as a charm-ing rogue fascinated by wealth and intrigue, has over the past

10 years gone from research studies at Oxford to partner-

ship ith one of Americas's

largest drug organizations, to work for MI6 against the Pro-

Last year he was acquitted of being the British mainstay of a transarlantic organization which shipped 15 tons of cannabis into Britain. Yesterday he pleaded guilty at the Central Criminal Court to his part in a

conspiracy to smuggle thou-

sands of pounds worth of cannabis into the United States

in a separate operation many years earlier, which had no connexion with last year's

Crown conceded that Marks was used by MI6 in 1973. At

that trial a Mexican was called in Marks's defence and

although the man's credentials could not be checked Ameri-can sources have told The

Times that he did work for the

A gregarious man, Marks. now aged 36, comes from solid Welsh middle-class stock. He

won a scholarship to Balliol College, Oxford, to read physics, and took an honours degree. He worked for a higher degree at Sussex University

and then returned to Oxford. At the beginning of the 1970s

but the shop was only part of a much wider life.

At Oxford he had been friendly with another under-

Mexican Government.

visional TRA.

case.

years' imprisonment.

for drugs smuggling

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A tangled world of

cannabis and spying

It was argued that Mr Marks

a car, but not guilty of possessing 400 kilos.

Yesterday the Recorder told Mr Marks that he had acted out of greed and "a total

insensitivity to the misfore tunes of the ultimate users."

In fact, Mr Marks will be released shortly. Mr Bernard Simmonds, his solicitor, said afterwards that the seutence

would be served concurrently with the sentence for the false

passport offences and that sentence took into account Mr Marks had been held on remand since his arrest in May 1980. His sentence for the pass-

port offence ended five days

after he was convicted last November and he had been

held since for yesterday's case.

Through his former student colleague, Marks met a man called James O'Neill in Amsterdam, which in the early 1970s was the great drug entrepot for Europe. The man's real name was James McCann, a Provisional IRA activist who in 1971 became the first man to secame from Crumlin Poad.

to escape from Crumlin Road prison, Belfast, in 20 years while awaiting trial on a fire

bomb charge.

MI6 and the Dutch police were taking a keen interest in Mr McCann, nicknamed The Fox, who lived a flamboyant

life in Holland and was sus-pected of running arms to Northern Ireland.

According to Marks another of his former Oxford contem-

poraries appeared in 1972 with

a great interest in McCann's activities. Hamilton McMillan

had played the piano in a Balliol show organized by Marks, but now he worked for the Foreign Office. Marks said

he was recruited to spy on McCann.

Meanwhile, Marks became part of the European end of a plan to smuggle cannabis to the United States for the Brotherhood of Eternal Love.

The smuggling method was

was hidden inside sound equip-ment for rock'n'roll bands

said to be touring Europe. The

equipment was sent to Europe, packed with drugs and then shipped to the United States.

In November, 1973, Marks was interviewed by Dutch desectives in Amsterdam and

detectives in Amsterdam and returned to Britain, where he was charged, with a number of others, by customs officers. On April 19 he disappeared.

By 1975 Marks, with a false passport, was back in Britain. Yesterday it was said that he took a false identity because the publicity surrounding his disappearance and possible

disappearance and possible links with MI6 might endanger him.

About eighty pickets were pres-sent when the lorries arrived soon after dawn. Missiles were thrown and one of the lorries, which were driven by non-union workers.

at a convoy of lorries after a barmen had ringed the electro-motors factory in Openshaw, which closed last April with the loss of 650 jobs.

Before dawn about a dozen time ago by people sympathetic to workmen with pneumatic drills the workers. The police kept pickets away while the barrier blocking the was being torn down. concrete barrier blocking the plant's main entrance. It was believed to have been put up some

Last night the police began a 24-hour guard on the factory to allow the management to remove rier across the main gates was the machinery. The work may last up to 10 days.

But after an intricate exami-

nation of the need for the service to start with, an exercise which was "regarded as unnecessary by some of those consulted", it was decided that

there were a number of serious grounds for coplain.

The report states: "The activities of the service have

been directed in recent years

towards achieving a larger and better share of the labour

market; even to the extent of competing with other means of

"The economic justification for this approach by a publicly financed body is slender."

It is suggested that the 5,000 "marketing or development" visits to employers in search

of jobs are not cost-effective, but the two main economies of

the report came from conclu-

sions reached of review inter-

Heathrow men continue dispute

British Airways ramp workers yesterday voted unanimously to continue their protest action against the imposition of new work rosters and to increase the number of pickets at Heatbro Airport.

The workers decided not to begin aighting eversue flights

begin picketing overseas flights again until today. That could give British Airways time to organize more volunteers to load baggage and provide catering for their big jets on long haul flights. On Saturady, baggage loaders and caterers refused to cross picket lines.

Rampton admits jailed woman

Mrs Brenda Eaker, aged 49, a mentally subnormal woman with three convictions for arson, was readmitted to Ramp-ton Hospital yesterday after a month in prison, despite objec-tions by the Department of Health and Social Security.

In January Judge David, QC, senior circuit judge for Chester and North Wales, jailed her for 28 days because the Merseysine health authorities refused to take responsibility for her.

Thorpe meets Amnesty staff

director designate of the British tional, met his new staff vesterday. He described them as "very friendly and very

Cannabis found in a car Heseltine Ex-secret agent jailed aid for high

By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent

spenders

Parliamentary Correspondent
Mr Michael Heseltine,
Secretary of State for the
Environment, has changed the
basis on which local authorities
are judged to have exceeded
the expenditure targets ser by
his department in a way that
may enable some of the highspending authorities to escape
the penalty of a cut in their
rate support grant.

The High Court ruled lest Howard Marks, sometime agent for Mi6, pleaded guilty at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to his part in an international cannabis smuggling group in the early 1970s and was sentenced to three in 1975 in his absence. He was found guilty of possessand was sentenced to three

October that he had acted unlawfully in cutting the rate support grant of six London boroughs. The judges quashed the decision to abate the grant on the ground that the form on the grounds that the Secre-tary of State had failed to listen to new representations from the authorities concerned.

As a result of the new dispensations, announced in the

Mr Heseltine told the House that he had carefully considered representations and he still intended to reduce the amount of grant payable in 1980-81 to those authorities whose adjusted uniform rate exceeded 155p and whose expenditure did not qualify for a penditure did not qualify for a waiver. However, he had decided to modify the condition for waivers, and performances would be recalculated.

Cut Ulster job-finding cost, Rayner says By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

A confidential Whitehall re- ing through 27 main offices, ing through 27 main offices, the service placed 23,000 people. The Rayner inquiry, headed by a principal from the Civil Service Department, calculated that with refined figures on employment activities, there was an average cost a placing of about £175.

The High Court ruled last

Commons yesterday during a debate on various rate support grant orders, it may be that some of those six authorities will be able to avoid the penalties originally imposed.

port recommends an 18 per cent cut in the budget for Ulster's Employment Service, with a general rundown in the job-finding facilities offered to the province's 113,000 unemployed. The study, carried out under the guidance of Sir Derek Rayner, the Prime Minister's

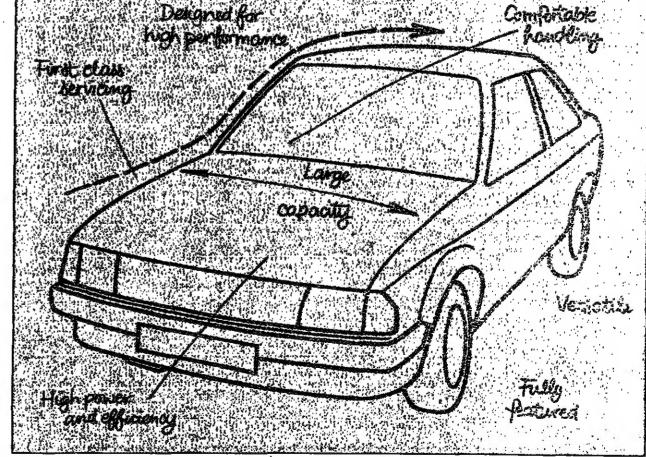
adviser on Whitehall waste and efficiency, is said to have ex-cited Mrs Margaret Thatcher's particular interest "...

But with Northern Ireland unemployment running at about 20 per cent, and with the Cabinet expected to decide tomorrow the fate of the 1,500 remaining jobs at the De Lorean Motor Company, in Belfast, the political repercussions of the report could far our of the report could far out-weigh the saving of £1.4m a It was emphasized last night that no decisions had yet been

taken on the report; but its authors pointed out that the general philosophy behind their conclusions may be of interest to those involved in similar activities in Great Britain." It is stared that the main

function of the Employment Service "is to satisfy the employment needs of individual workers ".

views and compulsory registration, which it is recommended Mr Jeremy Thorne, the former Liberal leader and new should both be scrapped. The report recommends that workers seeking jobs and of the law should be changed to individual employers seeking bring in voluntary registration with a system similar to one In 1980, with 600 staff work- being proposed for Britain. Comfortable



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'Times' unions consider court actions By Donald Macintyre, Labour Correspondent

National Union of Journalists is considering making a legal challenge to the decision by the board of Times Newspapers Ltd. to transfer the titles of The Times and The Sunday Times to News International, its parent com-

pany. The NUJ is understood to have consulted the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Person was directly union most directly nel, the union most directly affected by planned cuts at the two newspapers on the move. It is expected to meet counsel today with a view to seeking a High Court injunction to prevent Mr Rupert Murdoch, chairman of News International, going ahead with any liquidation of Times Newspapers Ltd, as a result of failure to reach agreement with the unions on the job cuts proposed.

Mrs Margaret Thatchet declined yesterday to intervene in the controversy over the titles when asked by Mr Geoffrey Rippon, Conservative MP for Hexham, to consider setting up an inquiry into the circumstances and effects of transferring the tirles.

Mr Rippon asked the Prime Minister to seek an assurance from Mr John Biffen, Secretary of State for Trade, that there had been no "breach of the letter or the spirit of the undertakings given by Mr Murdoch in January last year ". The Prime Minister replied:

"It looks as if the legal siruation is very complex. As there is more than one view upon it, Is more than one view upon it, I am therefore not the person, cars of as Mr Rippon, the Right 390 rec Honourable and learned gentleman knows, to pronounce on a legal matter. The Secretary of State is of the clericourse looking into it to see papers.

whether or not the law has been upheld. The NUJ's national officer for Fleet Street would only say last night: "We are exploring all avenues. We would, how ever, much prefer sensible negotiations against a sensible timetable." Meanwhile

meanwhile News Inter-national yesterday disclosed that the titles of the four Times supplements had not been transferred with those of The Times and The Sunday Times. Mr Arthur Brittenden, corpo-tate relations director of Norate relations director of News International, said that they remained in the ownership of

Chapel (office branch) officers of Natsopa, from which 390 redundancies have been sought, said last night that 48 applications for redundancy had so far been received from the clerical chapels at the two LOCAL FINANCE

While the majority of local authorities had shown that the financial policies he had advocated were reasonable and could be achieved, Mr Michael Reseltine, Secretarty of state for the Environment, said there was still a minority of councils determined to try to frustrate Government policies.

He was seeking for approval of the Rate Support Grant Increase Order 1982, the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England), 1982 and the Rate Support Grant Grant Grant Grant Grant (England), 1982—83.

Of a total of 413 local authorities, 279 were budgetting to spend within 2 per cent of the reduced level and these were not confined to any particular class of authority. They were 31 per cent of shire counties, 69 per cent London boroughs, 47 per cent of metropolitan districts and 77 per cent of shire districts.

Today (he said) the onus is on high spending authorities to prove why they cannot do what the majority are doing and no longer on me to prove it is possible.

possible.

The fact that so many authorities are now demonstrating that with sensible manpower and recruitment policies savings can be made, demonstrates again the reasonableness of what I asked for. But though the shift is happening, it is late in the day and unless the pace of the last quarter is maintained, is still below the level needed overall to meet the current spending meet the current spending

astead of an overall reduction

Last October the Divisional Court — while holding he exercised his discretion to abate the grant of six London authorities on valid considerations — quashed the decision on the grounds that he had not been prepared to receive represen-tation from the authorities concerned after November 1980. He had now carefully con-sidered representations by auth-orities and had decided to reduce the amount of grant payable in surplus on housing revenue respect of 1980/81 to authorities whose adjusted uniform rate exceeded 155p, and whose expenditure did not qualify for a waiver.

To that extent, the decision increase resulted in a national surplus on housing revenue account, the grant related expenditure assessment was not, like last year, to be a minus figure. It was being set at zero.

The settlement was realistic, fair and achievable. Provided

Authorities that did not gain a programme expenditure excluded That was an opportunity for from the calculation. Those modifications might enable some of the affacted apphasizes and the affacted apphasizes and the affacted apphasizes and the same should be some than the same should be same than the same same than the same same than the same same than the sam

would be the case,

The main supplementary report for 1982/83 dealt with paying out £11,500m of grant, provided the taxpayer, to over 400

authorities.

He was proposing an increase to £18,000m for the planned expenditure next year. This was a 2.8 per cent increase over revised budgets for this year.
The Government's estimate

Instead of an overall reduction in real terms in current spending, there was a budgeted cash overspend of perhaps £1,300m this year. While the upward spiral had been stopped, thanks to the minority the direction had not yet been reversed.

I have therefore decided (he said) that I must confirm the withholding of £200m from the 1980-81 rate support grant and it is for this reason that the first order for which approval is sought today provides only an additional £84m grant. This increase is mainly for increased budgeted expenditure during the year, against the last October the Divisional expected to take a larger reduction to offset that increase. For authorities spending less than their volume target and grant related expenditure assessment the maximum real reduction would be 1 per cent.

After discussion with local authority associations the Government had made a number of changes to the housing assessment this year. On rents they assumed an average weekly increase of £2.50. Where that increase resulted in a national surplus on housing revenue account, the grant related expenditure assessment was not, like last year to be a minus figure. It

the same share of the grant total they had received in recent years waiver on the basis announced basis announced between 29 and 30 per cent. For 1982-83 he was giving performances recalculated using outturn figures and appropriate re-pricing factors and with urban if expenditure targets were met. That was an opportunity for

achieve a waiver and gain more investment in the inner cities, but they could not make a would be the case.

The nad never made a secret of his view that there should be exemption from grant abatement. Cities, but they could not make a would be the case. the increasing current consump-

the increasing current consumption was lessened.

The position of police authorities outside London would be improved by the news today that the precept of the Metropolitan Police would be based on a budget approved by the Home Secretary providing for a total expenditure of £325m in 1982-83 which was about £13m lower that had been estimated.

The Government's estimate was that, given the cash planning factors of 4 per cent for pay and 9 per cent for other costs, local government overall needed to make a 3.2 per cent real terms reduction from the level of this year's budgets. This was a tough challenging but realistic target.

The Government.

The Government had decided that as a further means of keeping up pressure on the financing plans of local government it was fair for a higher percentage of those plans to be financed at the local level, especially given his acceptance of a higher level of overall spend. For that reason he had reduced the rate of grant from 59.1 per cent to 56.1 per cent.

In cash terms that meant the Government would provide a strial ratepayers.

Inner cities hardest hit by settlement

Mr Gerald Kaufman, Opposition spokesman on the environment (Manchester, Ardwick, Lab), said Mr Heseltine had reduced the level of grant from 51.1 per cent to 56.1 per cent, but had not indicated what that meant in more. money.

money.

In constant prices the Secretary of State had reduced the block grant for the coming year by £827m - a reduction of 8.7 per cent. Worst hit of all were the inner cities.

Mr Heseltine would be reducing the bouring state belowing the bouring state. Mr Hesettine would be reduc-ing the housing subsidies by another £427m. That meant that local suthorities were going to have to find another £1,125m simply to maintain services and employment at their present levels. Even if they did make massive cuts the reduction in rate support grant would still mean greatly increased rates and precepts.

precepts.
That was apart from the Covernment's insistence that



Heseltine: Fair deal

of pay settlements of 4 per cent when settlements to date had been well above that level, and of 9 per cent inflation when it was running at a constant 12 per cent. Rates were going to go up obstantially directly as a result this rate support grant

Local authorities were being denied grant because of shortcomings in compiling their grant-related expenditure assessments or by mistakes of the Department of the Environment computer, or their two computer systems which kept a watchful eye on each other but sometimes succeeded simply in doubling the

mistakes.

Authorities would also lose grant as a result of the additional income they obtained from selling council houses. What was more, the greater number of council houses they sold the more grant they would lose.

They were also punished because the Secretary of State would not let them build new houses to replace those that he was forcing them to sell.

Mr Heseltine had let off with cautions 61 out of the 175 local authorities who had failed to do as they were told. This left 114 authorities cowering in anticipation of Mr Heseltine's hold back penalties, but the lash had docked.

He had discovered that the

ne had discovered that the hold-back operation was illegal. He had been taken to court once already by local authorities from whom he had withheld grant unlawfully. He was not prepared to risk being labelled a wrong-door by aporting set of judger.

unlawfully. He was not prepared to risk being labelled a wrong-doer by another set of judges.

A clause of the Local Government Finance (No 2) bill currently before Parliament was intended to clarify the powers under which such a scheme could be operated. In Heseltine language, clarify meant to retrospectively make lawful that which was unlawful (Labour laughter).

Mr Heseltine, who lectured local authorities about the need to conduct themselves lawfully had been conducting himself unlawfully since last June.

If he were not a Minister of Crown (he said) with an obedient majority ready to bail him out, he would by now he helping police with their inquiries. (Renewed laughter).

The Sunday Times had revealed details of the deep secrets of the almost occult Cabinet meeting held a fortnight ago to discuss the issue — a meeting so secret that only several journalists obtained full details.

It showed that Mr Heseltine was being forced to bring to the

organied rul details.
It showed that Mr Heseltine
was being forced to bring to the
Commons proposals in which he
did not believe, just as he had
before been forced to attempt to

and New Brunswick, but in addition the Indian nations of Saskatchewan had issued a writ in the High Court seeking certain

declaratory orders.

The case concerned five instruments which affected the British Crown. They were taken in the Chancery Division of the

High Court on January 14.

The Saskatchewan case raised points not touched on in the

Alberta case. They were issues



tame local authorities by local referendums, a policy which he thought was wrong and unpopular, and which proved to be so and had to be withdrawn.

To vote with the Opposition and the content of the wrotehed illegical. against the wretched, illogical, unfair and mean-minded RSG settlements would only appear to be a public humiliation for Mr Heseltine — in fact it would be a

Mr Jack Carlisle (Runcorn, C) said there had to be an attack on spendthrift local councils and the only criticism of the Government so far could be that the attacks only criticism of the Government so far could be that the attacks had not been strong enough. He did not accept the argument that it was possible to exclude education from cuts, particularly as it took four times as much money as any other local authority service. Of course it was vital the country should have the best possible education service but it would be of no benefit to schoolchildren if the country was to spend more than

private triumph for him.

country was to spend more than they could afford on education and leave them facing even greater economic problems in the future.

There was a case for considering the transfer of a greater proportion of education expenditure. rupe to central government. That could be achieved by payment of teachers' salaries or giving local authorities a specific block grant for education in line with the grant related expenditure for the

Mr Stephen Ross (Isle of Wight, L) said his greatest complaint about the Government was its continual denigration of local government, almost all of which was undeserved. If the Government wanted people to give uptime and serve on local authorities it was not going about it the right way.

the right way.

There was nothing wrong with
efficiently managed public services.
Some public services were
extremely well run and would not extremely well rin and would not be improved by privatization as advocated by Conservatives.

He was concerned at the progressive erosion in local government sovereignty in the name of government macro-

Mr Nicholas Lyell (Hemel Hempstead, C) said nobody could fail to realize the importance of controlling the consistent over-spending which had to be tackled.

Mr. John McWilliam (Blaydon, Lab) said in Tyne and Wear, a small metropolitan county, the result of pinching education expenditure last year, and the continued pressure on it this year, was that young people in an area with youth unemployment of over 50 per cent were unable to take further education courses. Lab), had raised with the Speaker the propriety of taking the Canada Bill tomorrow as the second reading might preemot issues that were the subjection a petition to the House of Lords

Bill seeks to make captains take a tow

Mr John Prescott (Kingston-npon-Hull, Lab) was given leave to bring in a Maritime Safety Bill maritime vessels and their crews in United Kingdom territorial

in United Kingdom territorial waters.

The Bill, supported by exMerchant Navy MPs, would require all vessels in United Kingdom waters to observe the minimum safety standards laid down by Parliament; would emphasize to captains that their prime duty was to the safety of their vessel and crew; and would make public inquiries compulsory where vessels and crews were lost.

were lost.

The vessel Union Star was British-owned and sailing under an Irish flag, with men of lesser qualification than if she had been a British-registered vessel. The provision in the Bill that all vessels in United Kingdom waters should observe minimum British safety standards would reduce the risks to crews and lifeboatmen. lifeboatmen.

The provision requiring captains to see their first duty to vessel and crew would force them to take tows in difficult circum-

stances.
The refusal of the captain of The refusal of the captain of the Union Star to accept a tow or aid in extreme conditions was bordering on criminal and reflected the growing pressures on captains to put commercial factors before the safety of vessel and crew.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Environment. Canada Bill, second reading. Lords (2.30): Debate on need for a better educated working population.

Protests at licensing of sex shops

HOUSE OF LORDS

Many peers would like to be sid of sex shops entirely, Lord Belstead, Under-secretary of State, Home Office, said in moving the second reading of the local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, which has passed the Commons. However, passed the Commons. However, it is would have to be done as a matter of the general law relating to obscenity and allied matters.

In this bill the Government sought to provide local authorities with a substantial measure of control over these premises. In particular it had been proposed that local authorities hould have control over num

coalition.

main issue.

two leaders crucial.

of Fianna Fail, in personal

Despite almost three weeks

of campaigning on the issue of a tough budget, Fine Gael's vote is holding firm,

although the party must be disappointed that Dr Fitz-

Gerald's enormous popularity

has not brought the party a bigger swing in support.

It is being remembered that in 1973, when Mr Jack Lynch, who was then Prime

Minister, was very popular, his party lost the election and

Mr Liam Cosgrave was able to form a coalition govern-

ment. The Opposition is taking

by the Government, reflects a

Provided a local authourity directed its mind to a particular application and the circumstances of the area to which application related there was no reason under these proposals why the authority should not be able to conclude, if it thought it appropriate, that the area ought not to have any sex shops at all.

He understood the concern which had been expressed that licentian arrangements might which had been expressed that liceosing arrangements might appear to condone the activities of these establishments. The Bill did not make lawful anything that was at present unlawful. If granted, a licence would signify no more than that the local authority had approved the general use of the premises under the control of the Bill's provisions.

The government was considering whether it could go some way

ing whether it could go some way to meet the anxiety expressed in the Commons about appearing to condone the sale of items that condone the sale of items that encouraged sexual violence and cruelty. It would see if it could achieve its objectives by the use of a formula which was less open than the definitions in the bill to understandable objection.

Lady Birk, for the Opposition, said local authority powers to put conditions on permits for amusement centres or arcades should be strengtheaed. More recently there had been the eruption of

be strengthened. More recently there had been the eruption of space machines. Powers were needed to control space invaders machines. More and more children were spending more and more time and money on them.

To license establishments specializing in the sale of sex material bothered some MPs, and would doubtless bother some peers, because it gave an aura, an equivalent of a good housekeeping seal of approval or a ministerial version of a royal warrant. She would prefer the word permit instead. It had a less encouraging sound. Lord Evans of Claughton (L) said

he found sex shops and sex cinemas wholly distasteful. But if legislation was bused on what he as a middle aged solicitor found distasteful, legislation would all be puritan and restrictive in terms of modern society.

The Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard, generally wel-comed the Bill. He deplored wholly the existence of sex shops and sex cinemas because they conveyed and fed upon the debased and inhuman attitude to

Sex establishments must be controlled but this could be done in a way that made clear that it was to be control of something undesirable The Bill was read a second

No amnesty for royal birthday

A Government minister rejected a suggestion by Lord Brockway (Lab) for an amnesty for all prisoners not guilty of violent offences on the birth of a child to the Princess of Wales.

Lord Belstead Under Secretary
of State, Home Office, told him during question time: The Government has no plans for

Government has no plans for such an amnesty.

Lord Brockway: Something must be done about overcrowding in English prisons which governors have described as dustbins. Today's report by the Prison Reform Trust says that three men in a cell are so crowded with furniture that they can hardly move. Is there not a danger of serious unrest not only among prisoners but among among prisoners but among prison officers? This would be an occasion to seek to remedy that.

Lord Belstead: Such an amnesty would set aside coursentences arbitrarily and would not do anything to reduce numbers of those getting custod-ial sentences later. Lord Blunt: It would be

Lord Blust: It would be inappropriate to involve members of the Royal Family, directly or indirectly, in ameliorating this deplorable situation, however desirable the result and no matter how joyous the event-(Cheers)

Lord Belstead: I agree.

Split polls offer little comfort to main parties in republic

From Richard Ford, Dublin

The two main political parties in the Irish Republic were offered little comfort ELECTION yesterday with publication of opinion polls that were divided over the likely win-

ner of the general election to creased his lead over his be held tomorrow.

A poll in *The Irish Times* gave Fianna Fail a 5 per cent rival, with 56 per cent wanting him as Prime Minis ter, while just a third would lead and a poll in The Irish prefer Mr Haughey. The Independent gave a similar Leader of the Opposition whose popularity as head of lead to the Fine Gael-Labour his party has improved by just 3 per cent in the course But they were agreed that Dr Garret FitzGerald, the of the campaign, can take some satisfaction from the Prime Minister and leader of Fine Gael, is still far ahead of Mr Charles Haughey, leader

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Realizing that a presidential-style campaign would popularity, and the polls were unanimous that voters harm the party, Fianna Fail has emphasized its team which is seen by the voters saw unemployment as the Taking margins of error into account however, observers believe that the as better than the Government. And the voters agree with Mr Haughey that unem. coalition and Fianna Fail are ployment and prices are the running neck and neck, which made last night's live main issues. relevision debate between the

Reducing government spending, the Budget, and a stable Administration have dropped in importance com-pared with the results of a poll taken at the end of the first week of the campaign.
That indicates the Mr Haughey has had some success widening the debate and putting across the bread-and-butter message about jobs and prices.

His party is now seen as being the best one to tackle unemployment, prices and, crucially the Budget, and the ruling coalition is ahead only on handling Northern Ire-land, pensions, social wel-fare, and reducing the government debt.

The Opposition is taking votes nor from Fine Gael but, as expected, from the independents and Labour, the Achilles heel of the coalition, which on the polls' findings are likely to lose more support and seats.

The poll in The Irish Times conducted at the If Dr FitzGerald is defeated tomorrow it may be because he failed to widen the ground on which he was fighting and allowed Fianna Fail to take Times, conducted at the weekend after Fianna Fail unveiled its Budget proposals but before they had been subjected to a fierce attack the initiative and hammer away at rising unemployment, now standing at 147,500, and soaring in-

The poli in The Irish Independent, taken last Thursday, Friday, and Satur-

versial policy of gassing badgers was based on suspect scientific evidence and should be halted immediately, a veterinary officer who worked for six years for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food said

yesterday.
Mr David Coffey, who worked in the ministry's Central Research Laboratory, said: "The momentum to end the gassing is now being sustained not by the nutters and do-gooders, but by the sheer weight of scientific evidence against it. I am concerned about the conservation aspects, but my main concern is that if science can be manipulated in this way

is a very dangerous thing."
The Government has been carrying out a policy of gassing badgers in parts of south-western England and Wales because the animals water because the animals are alleged to be responsible for the spread of bovine tuberculosis in cattle. Since the policy was introduced in 1975, 334 sets have been gassed, but the ministry does not know how many badgers. not know how many badgers have been destroyed because many of the sets were immediately sealed.

immediately sealed.

Mr Coffey said there was not even firm evidence that the strain of bovine tuberculosis affecting badgers was the same as that affecting cattle. "The Government's whole policy is based on one badger which was found to be infected with TB", he said.

suggested criminal offences it would be reported to the chief constable."

Dr Stanley Worrall, a former headmaster of Methodist College, Belfast, one of the three members who resigned, said that while the committee as a body had not been given that assurance "it was told to them," in good

of the disease because they were statistically invalid, Mr line the structure of the new inquiry within the next few

gassing policy could not will be able to remain work, Mr Coffey said.

assurances that all criminal aspects of the affairs had been disposed of Three never gave it and I do not believe that anything said by the Secretary of State, the Department of Health of Social Security or by the police is capable of such an interpretation", he said.

"The Secretary of State made clear in his statement to the House of Commons on February 1 that police inves-

February 1 that police investigations were continuing ...
Mr McGonagle said. "The Secretary of State also said that should the committee receive such evidence which suggested criminal offences

Questions about immu-ology remained unance of the date representatives nology remained unanswered and the ministry was refusing to publish its findings about the transmission of State for Northern were statistically invalid, Mr Coffey continued.

Even if the case against badgers had been proved, a gassing policy could not be held in public but wimesses

in Highlands fall

From Ronald Faux, Fort William

person to die in climbing drift snow. accidents in the Scottish

A local guide described the

decided to make the climb on the way. When he failed to appear the friend raised the alarm.

The third climber killed in Monday's avalanches on Ben Nevis was also named vester.

Nevis was also named yesterday. He was Mr Christopher Palmer, aged 35, a telephone engineer, of Highfield Road, Caterham Surrey. mountaineering standards.

Anti-police training of youth PM'S QUESTIONS

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, is to ask for an investigation into allegations that the Workers' Revolutionary investigation into allegations that the Workers' Revolutionary Party in Merseyside trained young people in anti-police methods without the knowledge of public figures in Merseyside whose names were originally used in support of the scheme. Mr David Steel, the Leader of the Liberal Party, drew her attention to an early day motion tabled in the Commons which reads: "That this House congratulated Liverpool's Radio City, and in particular the journalist Kieran Devaney, on their programme 100 Gloucester Place, broadcast on Friday, January 29, which highlighted the activities of the Workers' Revolutionary Party at a youth training centre, where young people had been trained in anti-police methods and indoctrinated with extreme revolutionary views without the knowledge of public figures on Merseyside whose agence verse existingle. public figures on Merseyside whose names were originally used in support of the scheme, and therefore calls on the Government to take immediate action to have these centres closed."

Mr Steel (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L): Given that the Department of Employment is concerned about this matter, what steps are the Government going to take to try to draw attention to these abuses which are going on at these centres? hirs Thatcher: I understand from

Anti-church

The Government had a suspicion that hubbling at the bottom of the Labour Party was an antivoluntary school complex, Mr. Rhodes Boyson, Under Secretary of State for Education and Science, said during questions.

In The Times last week, he added there was a letter from

adied, there was a letter from a member of the Labour Party, Councillor Hilary Benn, in which he had written that "the case against any extension of volun-

Mr Neil Kinnock, chief Oppo-

sition spokesman on Education, denied that the Lebour Party had any anti-church or any anti-voluntary schools sentiment, and said it was interested in the improvement of standards in education and organism for the

person in Britain.

sentiment

is denied

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which he refers — I do not know the truth or otherwise of what is contained in the motion, but I assume it is true because it was put down — (Protests) — I assume it is true for the purpose of this question. of this question.

If what it says is correct, and I

indoctrinated with extreme revolutionary groups without the knowledge of public figures on Merseyside whose names were

I take any such allegation extremely seriously and will investigate it.

Definition in **DHSS** leaflet being reviewed

The Prime Minister indicated that she had asked Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services, to look into the definition of "suitable job" on leaflets distributed to unemployed peop Mr Michael Ancram (Edinburgh, South, C) had asked her if she had seen the leaflet

In the light of the tragic unemployment figures (he went on), is the definition provided in this leaflet still relevant or does it make the provision of jobs more difficult at this time?

Mrs Thatcher: I did see the leaflet to which he refers, which received a good deal of publicity a week or so ago. I had a look because of that at the definition of what is a suitable job That definition does preclude people from taking jobs with reasonable pay. I have asked the Secretary of State for Social Services, to look into the whole matter.

Mr Boyson replied: He has no plans to alter the status of maintained voluntary schools or the Church's role in them. The Government fully supports the very valuable part that voluntary schools play in our education system.

schools play in our education system.

They provide what very many parents want for their children: education in a maintained school, but in an atmosphere that reflects their faith.

Mr Montgomery: That answer is in marked contrast with the anti-

Church anti-voluntary school policy being pursued by the labour Party, (Shouts of "Rubbish" from Labour MPs).

Mr Boyson: I take his point. I have with me the first draft of

have with me the first draft of the Greater London Council campaign last year which con-tains this: "No child shall be educationally segregated by rea-socio-economic status".

If they are not to be separated by religion, there are no voluntary schools. It was cut out later because of a great out-cry

later because of a great out-cry but it was there at the beginning.

Mr Peter Hardy: (Rother Valley,

herson in Britain.

The Fergus Montgemery (Altrincham and Sale, C) had asked whether the Secretary of State for Education and Science had any pians to after the status of the maintained voluntary schools or the Church's role in many of these schools.

Closed?

Mr Boyson: I do not know of any its in the improvement of the individual for every person in this country.

Mr Boyson: I am sure everyone in the Commons will welcome that statement. But we have a suspicion that bubbling at the better in the long term to work

improvement of standards in check the control of standards in control of stand

Times titles before Biffen Mr John Biffen, the Secretary of State for Trade is looking into the transfer of the titles of The Times and The Sunday Times

Transfer of

from Times Newspapers Ltd to its parent company, News Inter-national, to see whether the law is being upheld the Prime Minister indicated at question time.

Mr Geoffrey Rippon (Hexham, C) had asked: Will Mrs Thatcher consider today instituting an inquiry into the circumstances and effects of the transfer of the titles of The Times newspaper? In particular, will she seek an assurance from Mr Biffen that there has been no breach of the letter or spirit of the undertakings given by the proprietor in January last year?

Mrs Margaret Thatcher: It looks as if the legal situation is very complex. As there is more than one view upon it, I am therefore not the person, as Mr Rippon knows, to pronounce on the legal

matter.

Mr Biffen is of course looking into it to see whether or not the law has been upheld.

Speaker to give ruling on Canada

The Speaker is to rule tomorrow (Wednesday) on the propriety of (Wednesday) on the propriety of taking the second reading of the Canada Bill while it is the subject of a petition to the House of Lords and of a writ in the High

Mr Boyson: Obviously,

support denominational schools where there is a demand from parents for them. If there is a demand for joint denominational

schools, we would look upon such a request with great

Mr Kinnock (Bedwelty, Lab): There is no anti-Church, anti-

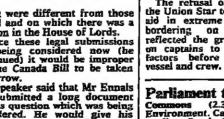
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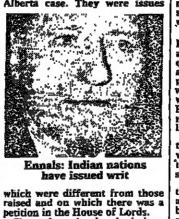
the Labour Party. Contrary to the view expressed, our interest is in the improvement of education and provision for the

Court. Mr David Ennals (Norwich, Court.
Mr David Ennals (Norwich,
North, Lab), on a point of order,
recalled that last Thursday Mr
Clinton Davis (Hackney, Central, towards non-denominational schools, perhaps with restructur-ing of the arrangements between Churches and the state?

for the Canada Bill to be taken tomorrow.

The Speaker said that Mr Ennals had submitted a long document on this question which was being considered. He would give his ruling tomorrow before the second reading debate, which was the appropriate time.





Since these legal submissions are being considered now (he continued) it would be improper for the Canada Bill to be taken

anti-voluntary school complex. In The Times last week there was a letter from Councillor Hilary Bonn, a member of the Labour Party, who wrote that "the case

Talks soon on easier sacking of teachers

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said during questions he would soon be discussing with local education auhorities how to remove teachers more easily from their jobs.

from their jobs.

He told a Conservative MP, who had said making it easier to remove teachers was vital to improving educational standards, that he had touched on a "very important factor" important factor".

Earlier he agreed that the revalations in the report by the Cockroft Committee on educational standards were worty-

ing.

Mr John Stokes (Halesowen and Stourbridge, C) had asked if Sir Keith Joseph was satisfied with the standard of education in state schools in England.

Sir Keith Joseph: There is always room for improvemening in both primary and secondary schools. Our education policies are directed towards that end.

Mr Stokes: Has he seen the recent report in which it said many people cannot do simple

sums; they cannot read a train timetable and do not even know the meaning of the word inflation. (Loud Conservative and inflation. (Loud Conservative and Labour laughter).

In view of that situation does he think that a return to the teaching of the three Rs in schools might be preferable to

some of the more modern, progressive and trendy systems of education? (Conservative che-Sir Keith Joseph: He is right to be worried about revelations of the Cockroft Committee report, most of those recommendations are addressed to teachers them-selves and I hope their rec-ommendations will be widely read. The Government will consider what from the Cockroft

report falls to us what we will do. report falls to us what we will do.

Mr Nigel: Forman (Sutton, Carshalton, C): Would be take time later to make a fuller statement and would he include in the answer emphasis on two important points? First, the vital importance of teaching practice in the context of teacher training and, second, can be lay a greater emphasis in his policy on absolute rather than relative standards in public exams?

Sir Keith logenty I can recent all

Sir Keith Joseph: I can accept all parts of what he said as ingredients in the progress towards more effective eduowards more effective enu-cation.

Mr Brian Mawhinney (Peter-borough, C): Would be agree that staff-student ratios are better presently than under the pre-vious government? Would be also might be put at risk if in making necessary reductions in teacher posts to keep pace with falling roles, consideration was not given to the fact that children are taught in discreet class units and therefore global comparability numbers are not necessarily the right ones? (Labour cheers.)

Sir Keith Losend: Ves. I Sir Keith Joseph: Yes, I thoroughly agree. Most of the pupil-teacher ratios are at record levels and yet if there are diseconomies they are in falling

assconomies they are in faming school populations.

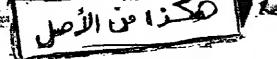
Mr Neil Kinnock chief Opposition spokesman on education (Bedwelity, Lab): How can he lay claim to believe in raising achievement in education when he is presiding over a situation in which cheeks the property of the cheeks the cheeks the street of the cheeks the chee which schools have £100m less in real terms to spend on essential books and teaching materials this year than they had in 1978/9?

Sir Keith Josepth: I do not believe less means better or that more means better either, necess-

The Government has provided money so that an extra £20m can be spent by local education authorities on books and equipauthorities on books and equip-ment this year if the pay assumptions built in to the amount of money made available and the price assumptions are validated.

MR Timoth Eggar (Enfield, North, C): If we are to improve standards is it not vital it should be easier to remove more be easier to remove more

be easier to remove more teachers? Sir Keith Joseph: He touches on 2 very important factor which I am due to discuss with local education authorites before long.



trend of support to the Opposition. It gives it 47 per cent, against a Fine Gael-Labour total of 42 per cent, day, gives the coalition 49 per cent, Fianna Fail 44 per cent, with 8 per cent for Labour, with 4 per cent supporting other candidates and 7 per and 7 per cent for others. Vet attacks Boys' home gassing · assurance of badgers not given'
From Our Correspondent
Belfast
The chairman of the in-The Government's contro quiry into allegations of a homosexual vice ring at the Kincora boys' home, Belfast, yesterday denied that the inquiry had been given ារប្រជុំ 🗼 👍 🖯

members of the inquity resigned last week, saying they believed that assurances given them were incorrect.

Mr Stephen McGonagle,

chairman of the inquiry and
former ombudsman for former ombudsman for Northern Ireland, said yesterday that no assurance to such effect had been given to the committee. "I certainly never gave it and I do not

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Fourth climber dies

The body of Dr Richard
Barry, aged 33, of Roseneath
Terrace, Edinburgh, was recovered by a mountain rescue team yesterday morning after he fell 300ft from a ridge on Am Roderh many fine, clear weather. ridge on Am Bodach, near Successive thaw and frost Kinlochleven.

Dr Barry, who was alone when he fell, was the fourth which had fallen much spin-

Highlands on Monday.

The police at Fort William said he had set out to walk from Glen Nevis to Kinloch-leven with a friend and had decided to make the climb on Scotland the daylight is

Caterham, Surrey.

Peer intervenes over prison --licitor schem

Lord Benson, adviser to the Governor of the Bank of England and chairman of the Royal Commission on Legal Services, which reported in 1973, has made representations to the Home Office over its refusal to allow the setting up of a duty solicitor scheme in prisons.

"He has been in touch with me to see if there was anything he could do and I suggested he spoke with the Home Office on the merits of the scheme."

Mr Eric Knott, secretary to the legal services committee, said the Home Office would again to a nilet scheme only

scheme in prisons.
His informal intervention comes after proposals for setting up a pilot scheme for duty solicitors to work on a rota basis in prisons in Manchester were rejected by the Home Office.

When the royal commission recommended that such schemes be set up in its recommended.

report two years ago, the Home Office indicated that it did not object in principle to either duty solictor schemes or the setting up of lawyers'

But when the Manchester Legal Services Committee, a group of 25 lawyers and laymen which monitors and improves legal services in the Manchester area, recently proposed to set up a pilot scheme, the Home Office said that "this is not a good time to take the proposal further".

Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, Labour MP for Ormskirk and chairman of the all-party penal affairs group, which has written to the Home Secretary in support of the pilot scheme, said yesterday: "Lord Benson is very con-cerned and interested in the

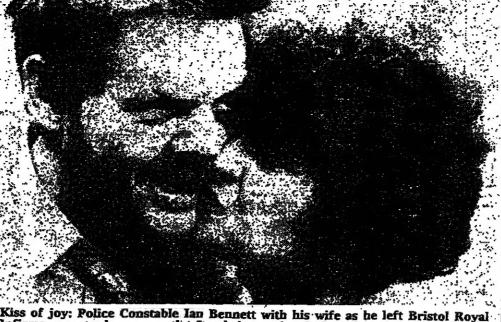
Mr Eric Knott, secretary to the legal services committee, said the Home Office would agree to a pilot scheme only if there were the resources to run the scheme nationally.

"They argue that you cannot provide a service in one prison and then transfer prisoners to another establishment where those facilities do not exist. Apart from the fact that prisons have greatly varying facilities anyway, on that basis you would never start anything."

In its letter to Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, the penal affairs group points out that prisoners and their families need legal advice on a wide range of problems, such as security of tenure are research. of tenure, rent payments and welfare benefits.

Prisoners often did not have a solicitor or if they did he practised a considerable distance from the prison.

"Prisoners often do not seek out and obtain legal take voluntary redundancy at advice until it is too late, which can result in serious consequences, including the court of Justice in Luxemwhich can result in serious consequences, including the loss of home and personal possessions and serious financial problems", the



Kiss of joy: Police Constable Ian Bennett with his wife as he left Bristol Royal Infirmary yesterday, a month after being seriously hurt in an attack in the St Paul's district of the city.

Man loses claim on redundancy age

By Lucy Hodges

A man who complained that British Rail discriminated against him because of

those who were hoping to force changes in British law

through using the court, "I trial tribunal that that am very disappointed," Mr amounted to sex discrimi-Burton, of Armthorpe, Don-nation because women were

the same age as women has ployed at British Raii's lost his case at the European accounts office in Doncaster, Court of Justice in Luxembourg.

The outcome of Mr Arthur a railways scheme. He was Burton's case is a setback for rejected because he was under these who were boring to an under these who were boring to the set who were boring to the set who were boring to the set was the set w

The state statutory retirement age is 60 for women and 65 for men He complained to an indus-

entitled to take voluntary redundancy at 55. But he lost because British law, the Equal Pay Act and the Sex Discrimination Act, exclude pensions or retirement from their provisions their provisions.

90p a week more from ratepayers

Doubts on future of GLC

By David Walker

After debates lasting for 12 Labour Party rival, Mr Anhours in the past two days the Greater London Council speeches recommending the was on the point, yesterday, of approving a budget for tions to the boroughs. Next the Greater London Council speeches recommending the was on the point, yesterday, of approving a budget for 1982-83 which although huge, involving £712m of current and £365m of capital spending, costing London rate-payers 90p more a week on average, raised more sharply sham ever doubte about the finer London Education average, raised more sharply sham ever doubte about the finer London Education Authority.

than ever doubts about the council's purpose.

The council's transport of Labour's first year in plans apparently now need the approval of the Department of Transport and of a been raised had the Conthe approval of the Department of Transport and of a bench of lawyers, including servatives been returned at the Attorney General. Sir the elections last May. They Peter Masefield, chairman of London Transport, is openly advocating its "nationalization". The GLC's role as a housing authority has faded away; it now manages fewer properties than most boroughs.

For all the left-wing rhet-

boroughs.

For all the left-wing rhetoric of the ruling Labour Party, the GLC is run by officials of immense power. Sir James Swaffield, director general, and Mr Maurice Stonefrost, comptroller of finance, in recent weeks have come to dominate GLC policy-making in an unprecedented way.

The Labour Party's attempt to breathe new life into

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the council has been defeated create 10,000 new jobs a year
by the suburbs, the Law has disappeared. It is still not by the suburbs, the Law has disappeared. It is still not Lords and the understand-certain that the proposed able antipathy of ratepayers Greater London Enterprise to footing the bill for additional highly-paid staff, the government-approved enterprise boards and police GLC housing investment

committees.
The GLC's future is now to build only 300 new questioned, in private, even dwellings in 1982-83 instead by Mr Kenneth Livingstone, its leader. His "moderate"

The GLC is planning to

spend in 1982-83 £3m on "policy development" and £4m on "development policy". The likelihood is that neither will come to much, although the council does retain a residual blocking role in office and commercial development in the capital.

development in the capital.

Symbolically, Labour policy at County Hall has been represented by Mr Livingstone. Harassed by the press in his early months, Mr Livingstone has become something of a star. Of whom else could it be reported that a sample of 100 people stopped in Oxford Street produced 28 who correctly identified the GLC leader's face? (22 identified Mr Livingstone as a former Livingstone as a former heavyweight boxing cham-

While remaining stridently left-wing, Mr Livingstone has recently had to mature as a recently had to mature as a politician in order to make compromises and keep his badly divided party together. Labour lost two of its GLC councillors to the Social Democrats, Mrs Anne Sofer in a by-election and Mr Paul Rossi by straight defection. By tiny margins Labour has tried to tidy up the administrative chaos left by the Lords' judgment. On Monday its estimates package squeaked through, leading Mr Livingstone last night to ask approval for a gross rates ask approval for a gross rates precept of just over 37p, up by half on that approved by the Conservatives last year.

Allowing for government grants, that means the GLC will be asking ratepayers for 34.8p in the pound in 1982-1983.

Opponents of heavier lorries unite

By John Young An alliance of local authority associations and environmental groups joined forces with the Royal Town Planning Institute yesterday to campaign against the Government's plans to allow heavier lorries on the roads.
It was said to be an unprecedented gathering of

Apart from the institute, it consists of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, the Association of District Councils, the National Association of Local Councils, Transport 2000, the Council for the Protection of Rural England and the Civic Trust.

and the Civic Trust.

The campaign is also supported in principle by the Association of County Councils and other organizations, cils and other organizations, prison, he said, it was highly the National Ender. including the National Feder- objectionable to have ation of Women's Institutes, mentally ill in jail, but may be invited to join.



at Heathrow yesterday before leaving for a holiday on the island of Windermere, in the Bahamas, with the Prince. They travelled as "Mr and Mrs Hardy" in a British Airways jet, and as they stepped on board they were of-fered a "bucks fizz," champagne and fresh orange.

NEWS IN

SUMMARY

Little rise likely in parole rate

Lord Harris of Greenwich, chairman of the Parole Board, said at Hull yesterday that the board was aware of prison overcrowding, which created an extremely serious forces, and it seems sure to present a formidable parliamentary lobby. situation but he doubted if the parole rate would rise dramatically (our Hull Correspondent writes).

If people were to ignore public feeling over parole there would be considerable

mentally ill in jail, but the programmes for providing secure units for them were extremely slow to develop.

It would be idle to pretend that overcrowding had no

impact on any of their decisions. It did not play a central role; but it might have influence on a highly marginal decision where the arguments for and against

were evenly balanced.
The board's responsibility was to implement the parole scheme on the basis of the criteria of the Home Sec-retary in 1975, and prison overcrowding was not one of those conditions.

TB tests for pupils

Hundreds of pupils at the Royal School, Wolverhampton, are to be screened for tuberculosis because a sixth-form girl boarder from Hongkong has contracted the disease. A further hundred at Tettenhall College, where the girl studied last year, are also to have medical tests.

Murder charge

A boy aged 11 was charged at Birmingham juvenile court yesterday with murdering a six-month old girl at his parents' home in Sparkbrook, Birmingham. He was remanded in the care of the local authority until next Wednesday.

Council aids buses

Essex County Council is to give £2.2m this year to six bus operators in the county to help them to provide 130 uneconomical but essential services. Five small rural will receive

Penlee inquest date

The inquest on the eight Penlee lifeboatmen and the eight people from the coaster Union Star who died in the Christmas disaster off Cornwall will open at Penzance on March 18.

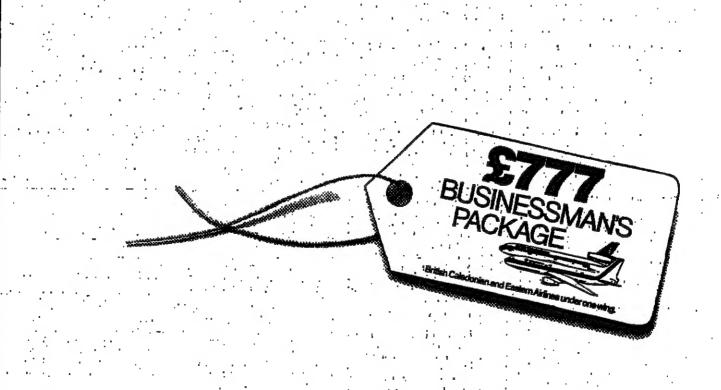
A cooperative for jobs From Ronald Kershaw, Hartlepool

Council is to start at Hartlepool in April Ite aim is to pool in April. Its aim is to form of organization in industry and provide jobs for processors and schemes

young people. On the initiative of the government-backed Cooperative Development Agency, about £133,425 has been obtained from the EEC fund for the first year; the parts, manufacturing guitar Hartlepool Deanery of the cases and other musical church will contribute £5,000 accessories,

An experiment financed by the EEC Social Fund, the Church of England, the Manpower Services Commission and Cleveland County Hartlepool was selected for the avertment because steel-

worthy of commercial exploi-tation will be made available to the Cooperative Enterprise Centre, as it will be called. Projects being considered are bead-blasting, motor cycle parts, manufacturing guitar



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Von Bulow judge warns press

Newport, Rhode Island The judge in the attempted murder trial of Claus von Bulow threatened to exclude some reporters after they tried to learn the details of a private conference between him and the jury. Judge Thomas H. Needham

had apparently questioned jurors on whether they had read a newspaper report that identified a potential witness as a prostitute. He had agreed to a defence request that there had been no reference to the woman's profession if she was called to the stand because it could prejudice the jury toward her

testimony.

Mr Von Bulow, aged 55, is charged with trying to murder Mrs Martha "Sunny" von Bulow, who is in an irreversible coma, with insulin injec-tions during 1979 and 1980.

Delhi jet deal with French

Paris.—The Defense Ministry has confirmed that France and India have signed a memorandum of under-standing on the sale of 40 Mirage 2000 aircraft to India. The first of which would be delivered in 1984. Negotiations had been in progress

for two years. In the second phase of the deal parts of another 50 aircraft will be manufactured in India; in the final phase total manufacture will be local.

Gaddafi and Assad to meet

Damascus. — President Assad of Syria and Colonel Gaddafi of Libya, leading figures in the hardline Arab Steadfastness and Confron-tation Front, will meet soon, the official Syrian press

reported.
The newspapers said President Assad had received telephone calls from both Colonel Gaddafi and President Assad had President Assad had President Assad had president assat as a second call as a second dent Ali Nasser Muhamme of South Yemen expressing solidarity with Syria.

King's uncle 'unreliable'



Brussels.—A Brussels court criticized Prince Charles of Belgium, the 78-year-old uncle of King Baudouin as unreliable, forgetful, extrava-

gant and lavish but willing to disinherit his family. Acquitting the prince's lawyer and his wife, who were accused of swindling him, the court ordered the Prince to pay costs.

Runcie visit

The Archbishop of Canter-bury, Dr Robert Runcie, will pay his first visit as leader of the Anglican Communion to the World Council of Church es headquarters in Genevalater this month. He will spend three days in discussion with council staff and leaders.

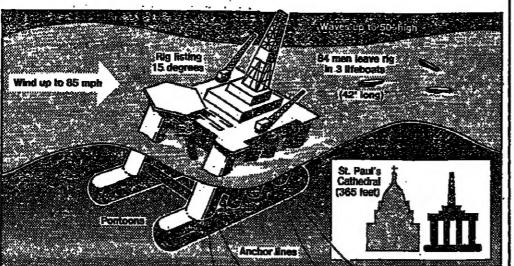
'Carpenter' held

Rome. — Police have arrested an alleged Red Brigades "Carpenter" who they believe made the trunk used to carry off the kidnapped American Brigadier General James Bozier from his Verona apartment on December 17.

representatives.

The communist-dominated

Oil rig disaster



Hazards for crews in angry seas

Claims by former crew members of the Ocean Ranger oil rig which sank off Newfoundland on Monday that safety drills were "really lackadaisical" and equipment inadequate has once again raised serious doubts about the safety of such structures. These inadequacies have led to the gruesome nick-name given to the rig by workers on it — the "Ocean Danger". But British officials responsible for safety on oil rigs in the North Sea maintain that British installations are generally well managed and safety practices are respected by the oil companies which operate

In the 20 years since oil exploration began, a weight of law has been developed in Britain to ensure that offshore structures are properly equipped with survival cap-sules and that personnel are trained how to use them. Under these regulations, an oil rig or platform must be equipped with enough totally enclosed lifeboats with seats for 50 per cent more crew-members than there are on board; they must be equipped with a combination of life-boats and inflatable life rafts with twice as many places as there are members of the

crew. Usually the lifeboats are designed to seat between 14 and 50 men and are meant to survive for up to 30 minutes in a sea blazing with flames. They are entirely self-right-ing — provided that all passengers are strapped into their seats — they also have their own power, medical and emergency supplies and are fitted with an internal supply

of compressed air.
In addition to life-craft, sufficient life jackets have to be provided on board all rigs to cover 150 per cent of the crewmen. Every crewmember has his own flotation life-jacket in his living quarters and the remainder are placed

round the rig.

However, there is no requirement that survival requirement that survival suits have to be generally the United States Coast worn or provided. Suits of the kind used to keep a man dry and reasonably warm, even when he is thrown into the North Sea, are provided only to passengers on most believed. only to passengers on most helicopter flights between offshore structures and the mainland.

Safety experts of the British National Oil Corporations of the British National Oil Corporations of the structure of

to say the safety suits available to the majority of the oil companies operating in the North Sea are the best that are available — and no second-generation suits that motivated area. Beyond eight

about the seaworthiness of the rig and about Canada's ability to respond to maritime

emergencies.
In the House of Commons,

here yesterday, the Govern-ment said it was setting up a

commission of inquiry into the disaster. Investigators had already started work in

St John's.
Conservative opposition
MPs, however, were more
concerned for the moment

with an examination carried

out by federal inspectors on the Ocean Ranger shortly before it sank. It was not immediately clear whether the inspection was directly related to a scare which occurred last



generation of British survival suits. The material resists extreme heat, cold and fire. It is made by G. R. Woodford Ltd of Norwich and is called the PAK EVAC. It costs £35 and is just starting duty in the

have been tested have been shown to be better.
One expert said it was asking the "\$64,000 question" to ask how long someone would survive. It

depended on the circumstances at the time.
Mr Geoffrey Woodford,
whose Norwich company
produces a new survival suit, agreed: "The only way to a measurement is to have an individual prepared to under-go tests until he is clinically dead."

He said there was no international or United Kingdom mandatory specification for a safety suit, and added: "No one at the Department of Trade has the common guts to put their signature on a specification."

MPs query rig's seaworthiness

From John Best, Ottawa, Feb 16

of reports about inadequate safety procedures on the rig and about drills which one former crew member described as a farce.

Mr James McGrath, a Newfoundland Conservative Member 1 In Copposition Said In Co

hir James McGrath, a nautical miles east of St Newfoundland Conservative MP, told journalists that there was a "ballast problem" on the Ocean Ranger tia, asked in the Commons

A warehouse near Madrid and one solitary civilian. where the Spanish Army usually keeps paper for making maps will be the site laced with silver thread, of the court martial of bearing the emblem of the officers involved in last Supreme Council of Military

year's attempted coup, which opens on Friday, four days before the first anniversary of the attempt which shook

the country's new democracy.

The warehouse has been (Saturdays included), the converted and what a party of 150 spanish and foreign journalists and photographers, who were shown over today, found were the solemn trappings of Spanish military justice.

down the costs of such a big town the costs of such a big town the country and to 35 days included), the chairs had been supplied from the Stock of the Ministry of Culture.

The journalists were taken in army buses, after surrentering identity cards or passports, six miles along a

Red brocade is everywhere between the corrugated iron roof and the brick walls, including on the chairs of the 17 military judges, all generals, and those of the 33 these of them interests at regular defendents three of them.

The capsizing of the Ocean some former crew members, ranger in heavy weather off developed a 15-degree list.

Newfoundland, with the loss of life has raised questions television here have been full the loss of life has raised questions to the

last week which set off an

alarm and activated an aban-don-hip order — which, however, was not carried out.

He also referred to two inspections which had been made into the matter of faulty ballast and said that he found it incredible that Mr Marc Lalonde, the Canadian Energy Minister, would not have seen the inspection reports. Minutes earlier, in

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hours at eight degrees you have flotation suits for general on board deck duties. "However, if you take the Fastnet disaster, a high percentage of fatalities occurred through individuals making their way to life rafts and sitting in them in cold water. The core temperature of the body is the rectum and the penetration of cold in-duced the fast onset of hypothermia".

There are two main types of survival suits used by people working on offshore Canadian rigs. One is the floater suit designed to keep a person above water but offering little protection offering little protection against the cold. It is not highly regarded fby helicopter crews or rig workers.

The other is known as the ошу which is worn in addition to a lifejacket. It encases the whole body and has a small breathing aperture. It is apparently capable of keeping a man alive in heavy weather conditions for up to four hours, depending on his physical condition and water temperature.

use different types of survival suits and present indications are that the Ocean Ranger provided only floater

why a proposal to establish a safety station on a rocky

outcrop between Newfound-land and the oil field bad

From Richard Wigg, Madrid, Feb 16

Supreme Council of Military

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intervals along long high

Weinberger fears fall of Salvador to Cuba From Mohsin Ali Washington, Feb 16

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, said today the United States could not afford to have El Salvador fall into the hands of Cuban and Soviet-backed leftists, but he did not discuss what action could be

He said in a television interview that Mr Alexander Haig, the Secretary of State had correctly stated the position by emphasizing that all Caribbean countries were confronted by a growing threat from Cuba and its new

ally Nicaragua.

Mr Haig told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee recently that the United States was not alone in its support of the Salvadoran Covernment.

Government.

President Reagan is due to make a major policy speech — probably next week to the Organisation of American States (OAS) — aimed at assisting countries facing severe economic problems in the Caribbean.

The assistance package would include trading opportunities, investment incentives and increased financial aid, andsome proposals will soon be put to Congress. American officials today could not say whether the President's speech, still in

the drafting stage, would contain references to Cuban activities in the Caribbean and Central America. Mr Haig in his Senate Foreign Relations Committee

statement said that at a meeting of the OAS in St Lucia last December, 22 out of 29 nations voted in favour of the Salvadoran programme

of the Salvadoran programme for elections; only three voted against.
He observed: "A collective response to the danger is emerging within Central America with the formation on January 19 of the Central America Democratic Community. Costa Rica, Honduras and El Salvador were joined on January 29 by Venezuela, Colombia and the United States to help carry through the democratic transformthe democratic transformation of El Salvador.
"Cooperating with our friends and allies in the region, we will do whatever

s necessary to contain the threat."
But Mr Haig has repeatedly

pointed out that there are no current plans for the use of American forces.

☐ San Salvador: President
Duarte has called on all
Salvadorans to vote in next
month's elections as the only
peaceful and democratic way out of the country's present

crisis (Reuter reports).
His plea was contained in a statement to reporters after a cabinet meeting at which the social, political, economic and military situation was

President Duarte said: Those who believe they will accomplish their aims of weakening the Government's position, carrying on slander-ous campaigns... have the opportunity to reach their goals democratically in the elections set for March 28."

The civilian-military junta headed by President Duarte has said that the elections for a constituent assembly will take place "even if the guerrillas blow up a thousand bombs" on polling day to keep people from voting. ☐ A hospital administrator

and a nurse were murdered today at Chalatenango in northern El Salvador when two men with a machine gun two men with a machine gun shot at the car in which the two were driving to work (AFP reports).

London: Up to 30,000 refugees from El Salvador are in "extreme peril" as atrocities committed by army death sounds continue to

death squads continue to escalate, according to a British Council of Churches delegation which has just returned from the Honduras and El Salvador border (the Press Association reports). The delegation, which in-cluded Lord Avebury, chairman of the Government to refuse to send observers to the forthcoming elections.

Killer squad strikes

been rejected by the Liberal Government. Mr Jean-Luc Pepin, Transport Minister, promised to look into the promised to look into the matter.

The Opposition also revived the long-standing issue about whether Canada has enough rescue aircraft stationed at Gander, Newfoundland,

they will stay throughout the trial.

The defendants will

foreign journalists.

unit's main entrance.

seated according to rank and

Behind them come more than 300 places for relatives

of the accused men (each is

Red brocade at coup trial

All the defendants, except one, have for the past four days been living not 100 yards from the courtroom in the officers' residence will stay throughout the

length of service and pro-tected by a 2 inch thick bullet proof glass screen at their backs immediately in front of the 66 places for Spanish and foreign journalists of Israeli actions.

allowed up to six), and observers from military regions. Space is left for about 30 members of the public, to be accommodated in the order in which they line up before the geographical



Poles sing to Pope in Lagos

Lagos, Feb 16.—The Pope listened today to members of Church had been closely Solidarity, the suppressed Polish trade union, as they sang the Polish hymn "God save Poland" during an audience in the garden of the papal Embassy in Nigeria.

He received some 300 members of the Polish community in Lagos, including Solidarity members among the experts working there, as his five-day visit to Nigeria drew to a close.

affairs of the state and the Church had been closely intertwined for many centuries and "the last few years have been particularly difficult', he said.

"Not in vain have the Poles fought for their liberty... All this is part of the spiritual heritage of the Pope in Poland and through this patrimony it is easy for me to find a particular solidarity with nations and men that suffer, who are discriminated

Nigeria drew to a close. Wearing Solidarity badges, they handed out petitions and

sang the hymn with the line, now banned, "God give us back our free country". The Pope listened with a faint smile, while Dr Witold Jurasz, the Polish Ambassader to Nigoria stood in dor to Nigeria, stood in

The Pontiff spoke to his compatriots of martial law in Poland, and said that the rights of all nations should be respected. In Poland, the

with nations and men that suffer, who are discriminated against and deprived of freedom and national sover-

banners, posters or flags to be seen and members of the Polish community said it had been made clear that no demonstrations in favour of Solidarity would be tolerated. While the Poles gathered

outside the embassy, leaflets in Polish were distributed explaining the Polish Govern-

In an address, to diplomats, the Pope said that human beings should express freedom "in the responsible determination of their action and in that self-mastery which excludes external constraint".

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Ankara: Turkey will de-mand the extradition from West Germany of Mr Omer Ay, a suspected right-wing terrorist believed to be associated with Mr Mehaet Ali Agea who was jailed for the shooting of the Pope in Rome last May, Turkish Justice Ministry officials said today.

Mr Ay was arrested in a red-light district of Hamburg on Sunday. The Turkish authorities said they had issued an international arrest warrant for Mr Ay who is being sought of charges of inciting to murder in two separate cases of terrorist separate cases of terrorist killings.—AP

US tries to Syrian press denounces avoid rift **Brotherhood** with Israel

Washington, Feb 16. — The White House today attempted If you believe what Syria's cruel methods which, it is

Jordan. The assurances were given

after Mr Menachem Begin, the Israel Prime Minister, had strongly criticized had strongly criticized United States policy when he spoke in a Knesset debate. He was reported to have written a personal message of protest to Mr Reagan.

Mr Begin won support form all the main parties in the Knesset when he condemned remarks made by Mr Caspar Weinberger, the American Defence Secretary, during his Middle East visit, suggesting that he favoured the sale of missiles and aircraft to Joudan and that the United States was sstrengthening its ties with Arab countries at the expense of Israel.

In his letter to Mr Reagan, he gave a warning that selling F16 jets and Hawk mobile missiles to Jordan would pose " one of the gravest potential dangers we have faced ever since the renewal of our statehood.

He asked: "If those sophisticated weapons are to be supplied to Jordan, just as similar ones have already been committed to Saudi Arabia, what will become of the qualitative and quantitat-ive edge you were so kind to promise me?"

Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, issued the assurances yesterissued the assurances yester-day. He said: "There is no change in policy towards Israel. There is no proposal or plan for us to sell weapons to Jordan." He said a policy statement by Mr Reagan denying a shift in attitude towards Israel would be issued by the White House this afternoon.

Other officials said Mr Reagan had drafted a letter assuring Mr Begin that United States relations with Israel would remain close despite his Administration's criticisms of certain aspects

A new hard-line Israeli envoy, Mr Moshe Arens, officially began his duties in Washington, today. Mr Rea-gan called Mr Arens, a member of the Knesset for eight years, to the White House today to receive his credentials as Ambassador and review United States-

Revolt in Hama

From Robert Fisk, Damascus, Feb 16

white House today attempted to avoid a fresh rift with Israel by issuing a denial that it had changed its policy towards Israel and saying there were no plans to sell suphisticated weapons to of Hama - must be even more unpopular than the Israelis.

> Two Damascus papers, al-Baath and Tispapers, al-Baath and Tisnreen, filled many of their
> columms today with allegedly
> spontaneous letters of support for the Government
> from towns and villages
> around Hama, while the
> Syria Times buoyantly announced that the people of
> the northern city of Allepo
> "denounced the crimes
> committed by the Muslim
> brother gangs in Hama brother gangs in Hama through which they added another black page to their record of conspiracy against national unity and the achievements of Syria's

masses". Whether such statements whether such statements are published for the benefit of Syria's far-from-gullible public or to boost the self-confidence of the authorities is a matter of some debate. Given the fact that the fighting in Hama has now lasted 15 days, the rebels in the city seem to be putting up some remarkable resistance despite the supposed hostility expressed for them by Syria's law-abiding masses.

Much more to the point, the Syrian Government is anxious to somther a spate of alarming rumours circulating in Damascus about the violence in Hama and about the are published for the benefit

suppress it. One such report says seven women left Hama last night after their husbands had been taken from their homes and machine-gunned to death in front of them by Syrian special forces troops. Another rumour suggests that Government forces have killed several doctors in the

profession was believed to be involved with the Muslim Brotherhood. There are stories of knif-ings and of the systematic destruction of entire streets. in some cases with the inhabitants still inside the

city because the medical

houses. Since Hama is still sealed Since Hama is still sealed off by the Syrian Army it is, of course, impossible to confirm or deny these disturbing reports. But the population of Damascus is hearing of them, and they do not like what they hear. The word of an elderly Sunni Muslim shopkeeper in the capital this morning were not

Benn attacks Reagan

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent Mr Wedgwood Benn last trated his attack on the night accused the Reagan Administration of dragging the British economy into a deeper recession than that the Thatcher Government has experienced during the character of the monetarist experienced during the

1930s.
In a lecture on democratic socialism to students at the University of Maryland, he said that there were growing signs that the peoples of Europe viewed the crude capitalism of the west with as much revulsion as the state communism of the East.

He forecast that the 1980s would see movements for national independence, political democracy, peace and development grow in strength, they would also "challenge the claims of the

and review United StatesIsraeli relations as well as the peace process in the Middle East.

Mr Weinberger today described Mr Regin's criticisms as "pre-emptive reaction".

Mr Weinberger today described Mr Regin's criticisms conference today, before returning to London, concen-

the Thatcher Government has shown that the monerarist and militarist policies that she has pursued have done

immense damage to our nation at home and abroad. nation at home and abroad.
"Similarly, the policies of
the Reagan Administration
are equally damaging to
American interests, not only
at home but also in Europe,
where America is losing

Mr Benn said: At the same time as the USA is seen to support so many rotten military dictatorships all over the world, as in El Salvador, Chile and Turkey, it demands human rights, free trade unionism and democratic elections in Poland, which its own polices are denying to millions of others in areas where America has great

The communist-dominated CGT branch of customs officials has called for a nation-wide stoppage today and tomorrow, and the leftist CFDT for a one-day stoppage tomorrow. The tension has been especially marked at Hendaye on the Fronco-Spanish frontier, where nearly 1,000 lorries, many loaded with perishable goods, were blocked this morning by the strike. The drivers had them-

National strike call by

From Charles Hargrove, Paris, Feb 16

The work-to-rule by selves decided to blockade French customs officials, the forntier two days ago in which began three weeks ago protest against the go-slow of

in protest against the application of the 39 hour week and the suppression of of the French lorry drivers "perks" and special privilegers, has taken a turn for the tened to resort to force it hours to the suppression of the French lorry drivers organizations openly threatened to resort to force it hours to the suppression of the French lorry drivers.

worse after the breakdown of solution were found to the

negotiations yesterday at the problem. "Rather violence Finance Ministry with union than Bankruptcy," one of

them declared.

The situation eased some

French customs men

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SUMMARY

Party boycotts Malta ceremony

Valletta — Malta's fifth parliament since independence was inaugurated in the absence of the Nationalist Party members. Although it polled most votes in last December's general election, the majority of seats were taken by Mr Dom Mintoff's Malta Labour Party (Austin Sammut writes).

Sammut writes). Dr Eddie Fenech Adami, the leader, read a statement in which Nationalist party members said that they would not attend parliamentary sittings until the present constitutional crisis had ended. It has accused Mr Mintoff's Government Mintoff's Government of engineering a situation where the party with most votes would remain in opposition.

'Flying Feather' is caught

Hongkong — Left-wing newspapers here have acclaimed the capture of China's most wanted criminal, Li Yu-ching, known as "Flying Feather" because of his skilful evasion of arrest.

He has been hunted over the past 12 years accused of 300 crimes, including rape, robhery, assault and hooliganism-but not murder. When he was at last arrested, by three militiamen and eight cadres, the capture was celebrated with fireworks at a public gathering near Peking and his captors received bicycles and wrist

Party members' £40,000 fraud

Peking.—A fraud covering seven Chinese provinces and involving about £40,000 has been discovered by the Shaanxi authorities, a news-

paper in the province said. Helped by party members, a gang led by the purchasing Congress (I) Party and, therefore, there was no question of Mrs Gandhi's agent of a tool factory and trading warehouse speculated in goods under state control in goods under state control what has raised eyebrows is that he resigned after a display of annoyance by Mr Rajiv Gandhi, Mrs Gandhi's son. Mr Gandhi was recently

Rocket crashes

Kuopio, Finland. Soviet rocket crashed in the Karelia region of the western Soviet Union minutes after being launched from a mili-tary base in the Kola Penin-sula, witnesses said here.

Ex-Civil Guard shot

Madrid. — A retired Civil
Guard, aged 60, was shot
dead while strolling with two
friends in San Sebastian

To resign not because Mr
Gandhi is annoyed with him
but because Mrs Gandhi
thinks that he is not the
"right person" to lead the
Congress (I) to victory in the dead while strolling with two friends in San Sebastian. One of his friends was wounded.

Congress (I) to victory in the forthcoming elections for the Andhra Assembly.

Suzman says police beat cell death detainee

detainee, whom she declined to name, who had witnessed to name, who had witnessed the alleged assault on Dr Aggett by three policemen.

There was uproar in the House of Assembly as Mr Louis le Grange, the Minister

The Minister Aggett's body would have exhibited injuries other than the security laws since the security laws since have the body would have exhibited injuries other respiratory complaint, here Aggett by three policemen.
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of Police, indignantly rejected what he called Mrs are by a government official of the results of the post low, common and scandalous mortem examination on Draws and scandalous mortem examination of Pebrus-Suzman's "absolutely untrue, of the low, common and scandalous morte allegation". He had earlier Agge appealed to the Speaker to ry 5. order all references to Dr Aggett struck from the record as the matter was still sub judice.

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GOVERNOR

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TO RESIGN

From Kuldip Nayar Delhi, Feb 16

Mr T Anjiah, the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, today submitted his resig-

nation on the advice of Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Prime

The state is run by the

in Andhra Pradesh on a "build-up" tour and grew angry over the "ostentious

welcome" which the state had arranged.

Minister.

The South African Parlia either with a belt or a rolled on civil fiberties, had earlier declared that whatever the trade union leader found hanged in his prison cell, was stripped naked, beaten and otherwise mistreated union.

heard allegations that Dr Neil Aggett, the young white trade union leader found hanged in his prison cell, was stripped naked, beaten and otherwise mistreated while being interrogated by security police.

The accusation was made during a debate on security legislation by Mrs Helen Suzman, the veteran member of the opposition Progressive Federal Party. She said her evidence came from another detainee, whom she declined to name, who had witnessed.

The was spaper while doing to come the help and run on the made to get up and run on the spot, every now and then being forced to lift his legs up high. "All the while he was being interrogated. The hitting with the newspaper with a section 6 of the Terrorism Act which killed Neil was Section 6 allows the security police to hold suspects went on all the time, especially if his arms sagged", Mrs Suzman said, reading from the purpose of interrogation. Dr Aggett, who was arrested profusely, and when once he exhaustion, he was further with a score or nearly fell over a chair with exhaustion, he was further with a score or nearly fell over a chair with exhaustion, he was further with a score or nearly fell over a chair with a score or nearly fell over a chair with exhaustion, he was further with a score or nearly fell over a chair with exhaustion, he was further with the newspaper was being forced to lift his legs was Section 6 of the Terrorism Act which killed Neil was Section 6 allows the security police to hold suspects indefinitely without trial and in solitary confinement for the purpose of interrogation. Dr Aggett, who was arrested profusely, and when once he had a student activists, had been in detention for 70 days.

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the security laws since January 5 was admitted to hospital yesterday with a respiratory complaint, herdaughter said in Johannesburg today (Reuter reports). Mrs Esther Levitan, a grand-mother in her late 50s, is at least the third woman de-tainee in South Africa to be admitted to hospital since Dr

Aggett's death,
Her daughter, Mrs Lesley
Isaacson arrived last week
from London and saw her mother on Friday. Mrs Levitan, a member of the anti-apartheid Black Sash organization, was detained only three days after returning to Mrs Suzman, who is the with her daughter in Britain,

Namibia alliance split leaves Pretoria adrift

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg, Feb 16

The resignation of Mr rilla organization which Peter Kalangula, the black president of the multi-ethnic Democratic Turnballe Alliance, and the subsequent — So long as the alliance departure of his own Ovambo-based party will make it among the Ovambos, the more difficult in the short south African Government, whatever its private view of of Namibian independence to right-wing white opinion here, according to Western diplomats.

The alliance was created by the South Africans during the 1970s and, before Mr the 1970s and, before Mr Kalangula's resignation, consisted of 11 different parties each representing an ethnic group (including whites) among Namibia's population of about one million. The whites account for about 11 per cart of the for about 11 per cent of the

However, Mr Anjiah be-lieves that he has been asked total. The loss of Mr Kalangula to resign not because Mr and his party is a devastating blow because the Ovambo-speaking group of tribes in the north constitute nearly half the population and are also the main source of also a personality of some support of Swapo, the guerforce and charisma.

term for the South African whatever its private view of Government to sell the idea the alliance's real chances, was able to offer some prospect to right-wing whites

Whatever credibility it had

a realistic moderate alternative to Swapo has been destroyed with Mr Kalangula's departure. The question now is whether, having broken free of the alliance's tainted embrace, Mr Kalangula can, on his own, develop into a far more serious challenge to Swapo than the multi-party alliance ever was. One factor in his favour, as an ordained Anglican priest, could be the strong influence of church organizations among the Ovambos, about 80 per cent of whom are Christians (mainly Lutheran and Roman Catholic). He is



Northern visitor: Mrs Vigdis Finnbogadottir, President of Iceland, who arrived in Britain yesterday for an official visit which ends on Friday

SHORT AND **MESTEL IN** CHESS LEAD

By Harry Golombek Chess Correspondent

Quite undeterred at losing to Ligterink in the previous round of the West European zonal chess tournament at Marbella (Spain), Nigel Short (England) gained an easy victory over Langeweg in round 7 on Monday. He now leads in Group A with 5% points out of seven

Jonathan Mestel (England) enjoys a comfortable lead in Group B with 5½ points out of 6 ahead of Hebden (England).

Other results; Van der Sterren 4 ihe Netherlands 1. Klauner (Luxem-hourgt 0: Meuiders (Belgium) 1s, Rivas (Spain: 1s; Blow (Jerzey) and Jones (Wales) adjourned. Donner (the Netherlands) had the bye.

Opposition parties merge in Brazil

From Patrick Knight, Sao Paulo, Feb 16

Bruzil's two biggest oppo-sition parties have voted overwhelmingly to merge in an attempt to defeat Government moves to ensure their defeat in Congressional elec-tions to be held in November However, the merger of

the centrist Popular Party and the Brazilian Democratic Party has still to be approved by the country's electoral tribunal, and the military-led Government may intervene to try to frustrate the merger.

The amalgamation should guarantee the new grouping of governorships of most of the major states, and perhaps 70 per cent of the popular years in the elections for vote, in the elections for Congress, which will choose President Figueiredo's suc-cessor in 1984. The Government decided

last November to institute measures which would oblige voters to select candidates from one party in any area, a move which would have favoured the well-organized Government party, the Social Democratic Party. Voters have recently gener-

Voters have recently generally chosen Government party candidates for local authority positions, largely because Government party men have been in a position to deliver the goods. In contrast, the voters have increasingly tended to vote for the opposition for central government positions. Linkgovernment positions. Linking the vote was supposed to persuade electors to give priority to the local issues which affect them most, and consequently tip the balance at central level too.

The Government has no intention of allowing the opposition to be victorious. Its view of democracy has been clearly defined as working gradually towards wides participation in the wider participation in the electoral process, but without involving an actual transfer

of power.
It is widely believed that more measures will be announced by the govern-ment to divide the opposition in the next few weeks, as well as regulations regarding the use of television by the

various parties.

The fundamental question is whether the regime which has ruled Brazil since 1964 has ruled Brazil since 1964 still has the strength and unity to hold together its various backers, and push through new measures. Those which favour the Government in one state often tend to have the opposite effect elsewhere. The from a stomach disorder. However, referring to of Churches delegation just we sensational? The reports by back from Poland said today western radio stations, the that it believed Western that it believed Western economic sanctions were indications that some of hurting the polish people and those allowed to come into contact with the internees larly against food sanctions. — Reuter.

Chemical war gibe draws Soviet anger

From Harry Debelius, Madrid, Feb 16

the Soviet Union mass-produces and uses chemical and biological weapons brought biological weapons brought an irate reply from MrLeonid Hyichev, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, at an informal, closed-door meeting of heads of delegation at the European Security Conference here today.

Mr Max Kampelman, the chief United States delegate, brought up the subject in

brought up the subject in response to a Soviet remark, at last Tuesday's plenary session, that the United States was engaged in the preparation of chemical

preparation of chemical weapons.

The American expressed surprise, saying: "I would have thought this to be a subject that the Soviet Union would want to keep away from, since they have made every effort to hide from the world their own priority attention to this form of brutality". He proceeded to make a series of accusations regarding the alleged Soviet use of chemical and bacteriological weapons in Laos, Kampuchea, Afghanistan and Yemen.

American accusations that Kampelman's speech as "All of lies and falsehood" and "provocative".

Mr Kampelman charged that Soviet activities in the field of chemical and biologi-

reld of chemical and biological warfare represented violations of the Geneva Convention of 1925, the 1972 Biological Weapons Convention, and Article X of the Helsinki Final Act of 1975. He also argued that the United States had ceased the production of all chemical weapons in 1959 unilaterally. and thereafter had tried unsuccessfully to reach an agreement with the Soviet Union on a comprehensive and verifiable ban on all

chemical weapons.
"It is unmistakable that innocent people in Laos, Kampuchea and Afguanisan have been victims of a deadly poison rained down upon them by airplanes carrying, among other lethal agents, potent mycotoxins of the trichothecene group. Death, often with victims choking on their own blood, cocurs within an bour after em-posure", he said. It is thus the reluctant

Yemen.

Mr Ilyichev reacted in a policy of the United States to build and maintain a chemitone of "straight vituper- cal munitions stockpile to ation", according to one deny a significant military Western diplomat. Another advantage to any who would said he characterized Mr seek to initiate their use."

Polish priests accused of being gossipmongers

Warsaw, Feb 16. - The duties in a rather distorted internees by acting as mess-engers or spreading sen-sational reports about their

reatment.

The Communist Party postman".

newspaper Trybuna Ludu | Vienna: A 21-year-old Policy of the presentatives of the explosion that damaged a Polish Catholic Church, including Archbishop Josef Glemp, the primate, had made 76 visits to internment

camps. Mass had been said on 237 occasions, and some 2,000 food parcels had been delivered.

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explosion that damaged a workers' hostel in the south-western city of Wroclay yesterday, Polish radio reported. The explosion was caused by "manipulation of an unidentified explosive material", according to first reports meniored here.

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Drastic measures needed to save EEC, Thorn says

From George Clark, Strasbourg, Feb 16

If member states failed to take drastic economic measures, including wage controls, to stimulate industrial activity, "we may be faced with serious problems of social stability," Mr Gaston Thorn, president of the EEC commission, said yesteday at the European Parliament

Mr Thorn, in spite of claiming to be an optimist, presented a depressing pictre of dissension between the 10 member nations. "The unrelenting recession is strengthening the temptation to go it alone which will eventually lead to fragmentation of the internal market", he said while outlining he commission's programme for the

"The Community is lurching from wine war to turkey fight, to budget disputes. Restructuring of the steel industry is being slowed down because no one will willingly accept redundancies in regions already hard hit by he economic crisis".

Threats to the ideal of a single market were coming from all sides. "The single market is a priceless, irre-placeable asset", Mr Thorn said. "If it were destroyed the Community could not survive"

The hones of comention might appear trivial, but they were symptomatic of the difficulties now facing the Community which would not be solved fu increasing dosss of nationalism. He simpointed "management of the milk sector, the trend of agricul-tural expenditure and techni-cal details of measures to help the United Kingdom".

In the circulated tent of his speech, Mr Thorn also said: "My fear is that those issues have proved intractable be-cause they are simply a front for our EEC governments' waning commitment to europe". This was immedi-ately interpreted by ob-servers here as a criticism of the British demands.

Thorn concered that Britain's budget problem had been he biggest obstacle to fruitful discussions on the ries. "In most memoral fruitful discussions on the ries. "In most memoral fruitful discussions on the ries. The most memoral fruitful discussions on the ries."

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budget. It is not an living standards of working equalization mechanism, people.
designed to give back exactly Mr Thorn asked for a

"Our first task must be to pline. resolve the United Kingdom problem, though this must problem, though this must MEPs, immediately denot lead to the admission of MEPs, immediately denoted action by the British the justs resour principle, which would mean an end to solidarity between the mem-

The difficulty, he said, was that if compensation to the United Kingdom was financed solely from the Community's "own resources", virtually all the available margin would be used up.



Mr Thorn: he painted a depressing picture

Like the European Parliament, the Commission had never taken the view that the ommunity's future could be dictated by the 1 per cent limit on the revenue from value added tax. To do so, would be to accept stag-

But to increase budge resources to meet the British demand would mean persuading member states, national parliaments and public opi-nion that the Community had something to offer that was worth a further transfer of resources from the national to the Community budget.

"The Community is in danger", Mr Thorn said. "Within its frontiers, cohesion is compromised by the economic crisis which is rousing the old demons of protectonism, the illusion that salvation lies in going it

Outside, the Community is having to contend with the aggressive behaviour of its trading partners just when it should be working for the survival of traditional industries and promoting the rise of those which hold the key to industrial development is the future."

On the need for investment to create new opportunities for employment, Mr. Thorn said it was, above all, a matter for private companies. "In most member provide the necessary incentive." he said.

Mrs Barbara Castle, leader They were based on the "There are also differences encouragement of the private about the function of the sector at the expense of the

what each has paid in, nor is strengthening of the Euroot strictly comparable to a pean Monetary System as an national budget. . . a pean Monetary System as an act ot solidarity and disci-

Sir Henry Plumb, leader o the Conservative group of MEPs, immediately de-

"Continually we bear min-"Continually we hear min-isters saying that we shall join the EMS when the time is ripe", he said. "But when the pound is strong, it is not the right time. When it weakens, the time is not ripe. Therefore now is the time when I think we ought to be

Farm ministers prepare for prices marathon

From Lan Murray, Brussels, Feb 16

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The European Comm- Blocking agricultural pricunity's agricultural ministers es is Britain's most powerful prepared for a marathon counter to obtain a satisfacprepared for a maration counter to cottain a satisfac-price-fixing session here tory budget deal. Parallel today, when they concelled agricultural and summit their next meeting and re-meetings were held in arranged it to run parallel Laxandourg in 1980, shortly with the European summit before Enten won important meeting at the end of next budgetary concessions from

month.

This means that the countries at today's meeting Mr cil has faced up to the reality Walker returned to the attack that the price fixing is now on the way the common inextricably linked with agricultural policy was worknegotiations about Britain's lag with a vigorous complaint budget contribution to the about the manner in which EEC.

Mr Peter Walker, Minister national aids.

of Agriculture, made it clear yesterday that he would oppose proposals for a 9 per cent increase in farm prices, and he made his point with such vehemence that none of told his European colleagues. his coileagues had any ii- Mr Walker said that he was lusions that Britain would alarmed by the fact that negotiate the two issues French farmers had been

The new Agricultural Council dates are March 29-31, which means that the ministers will be meeting at the same time as the heads of government making it poss-ible for the summit to monitor the concessions and progress being made.

Peking 'duck' for diligence

Peking, Feb 16. - Many Chinese employees are relucchinese employees are tenterate to be singled out as "model workers" for fear of being riciculed and ostracized by their workmates, the Communist Party's People's

Daily reported today.

The newspaper said that model workers, selected for their diligence, were frequently criticized as supermen devoid of numan failings. But the situation had improved in the two years since soldiers and workers were scorned as toadies for saving a boy from drowning.

Bush fire alert in Tasmania

· French plans to pay special

"a ridiculous perversion of the whole trading position" inside the EEC, Mr Walker

advised to apply for "a remarkable range" of help by

March. The danger, he said, was that this would mean a

repeat of last year's experi-

ence, when France paid out

to its farmers before the Commission had time to rule

whether the subsidies were legal under Community law.

Hobart, Feb 16. - The Tasmanian Government today declared a special emergency because of bush fires. At least 5,000 firefighters were trying to put out blazes all over the island.

A thousand firemen were fighting to save the small townships of Kempton and Dysart from a fire along a six-mile front. There is no prospect of an end to the heat, low humidity and strong winds which have turned Tasmania into a tinder box. — Reuter.

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Last summer's riots in Brixton, Moss Side and Toxteth brought new fears into our city streets— and as summer 1982 approaches few are confident that they will not recur. Inner city riots, however, are just one ugly tip of Britain's urban crisis. As part of the debate on the wider problem The Times has chosen four places that surprise the control of the contr that sum up the special problems of our cities as a whole — unemployment, bad housing, racial tensions and one-party.

Consider any list of British towns and cities: London, Plymouth, Southport, Swansea, Solihull, Poole, Coventry, East Kilbride, Doncaster, Rochdale Wodgate, West Bromwich, Manchester, Dundee, Glasgow.
Urban Britain is diverse. There are good and prosperous cities as well as those in decline.

This list is based on a scheme put together two years ago by Professor David Donnison, Each place represents a category: regional service centres (Plymouth for example); residential suburbs Solihull); engineering towns such as Dencaster and inner ourhations such as Manci

Four cities, four crises • The first in a major Times series

Donnison was searching for the formula that makes the good city - where people have jobs, skills, where households own cars and all the houses mod. cons.

The Times has chosen Coventry and Swansea which are, or rather were, relatively good cities; Glasgow and Manchester have obvious problems. None of these has uniform characteristics.

For example, there are concentrations of vulnerable old people in the otherwise advantaged resort towns such as Southport or Bournemouth. London is always a problem to classify: its proportion of non-whites is the highest of any urban area but as a whole it appears favoured in terms of the skills of its working population and the relative absence of social disruption among its families. But any analysis of British urban conditions shows up

Donnison's problem. It is easier to define the bad than the good city. A small number of fairly easily defined cities — inner conurbations - are under stress: their population is disproportionately vulnerable to poverty, joblessness and poor us of life. They are central



Scotland, Glasgow city and the conurbation from Greenock to Coatbridge (with the city of Dundee sharing many characteristics of the area); the inner areas of Birkenhead, Gateshead, South Shields, Sunderland, Bootle, Liverpool, Manchester, Salford, Newcastle, Nottingham, Birmingham, Hull and Leeds.

It was the discovery during the 1970s of the multiple incidence of social stresses in the inner city areas that spurred a great boom in public policy — a boom that with a pause has now, after the riots, oerhaps, go back to Sir Harold Wilson's Urban Programme of 1968. The Heath Government, notably through Mr Peter Walker, began both a series of special grants and large-scale studies of

the inner areas.

Then came Mr Peter Shore, Labour's Secretary of State for the Environment. In a speech at Manchester in September, 1976, he e a classic statement of the case for special urban policies. Mr Shore said: "Twentieth century civilization has been based upon cities and if, in the process of change, the inner areas are simply allowed to decay — and their inhabitants to languish - the country as a whole will be the

The doctrine is not, however, self-evident. Many people have looked at the scale of expenditure necessary to "solve" the problem of the inner cities and concluded that the task is impossible and that social and economic change should be allowed to take their course, with the Government cushioning those people most directly

The Conservatives have

especially to live with the Wodgate factor. Wodgate, of course, belongs to fiction or, more precisely put, to the Tory historical imagination, the vestigial fear of the possessing classes of a revolt by the poor and downtrodden.

Wodgate was a joke in Benjamin Disraeli's nevel Sybil. But under the joke — about the brutalizedinhabitants of an industrial town rising up and sacking an aristocratic mansion - lay a contemporary fear. The fear has not entirely gone. For many southern Couservatives, Toxteth is just as improbable and foreign as Wodgate was to Disraeli's reader. An obvious reaction to Toxfeth and Brixton was a law and order response: sending in the modern equivalent of the dragoons. Instead the events were used, thanks in part to Mr Heseltine's sense of political timing, to revive the urban policy. Within major spending constraints, this is what Mr Heseltine has done: use all the administrative shots in the lockerto do something, or be seen to be doing something for the cities.

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The fall of the New Jerusalem

by Godfrey Hodgson

Twenty years ago you could take what I remember as a fourpenny bus ride from Manchester's Piccadilly into an essentially Victorian townscape of Lowry's paintings and Neville Cardus's boy-head hood.

Your bus to Moss Side would have trundled through smoke-blackened warehouses on the fringe of the city centre, past seedy factories and workshops in Hulme, and then between neat but insanitary rows of crimson brick terraced

houses. It was a dirty, shabby world, but crowded and busy. That has all changed now. The smoke has blown away with the industry that caused it, and most days you can see the Pennines from the windows of any tall building. The Whitworth Street warehouses are empty, many of them converted into university laboratories. You can drive in a couple

of minutes on a new urban motorway through what are now the open green spaces of Hulme, punctuated by a few tower blocks, occupied mainly by students since the city's housing department saw the error of its ways and decreed that no families with children must live above the ground

It would be an exagger-ation to say that Moss Side today looks like a town-plan-ner's vision of the radiant city. Still, the first impression is of a far from unpleasant environment. The old back-to-back hous-

ping centre, but long rows of old-fashioned shops, many of them now owned by Asians, still line Princess Road and Wilmslow Road.

Only here or there a gaunt Gothic church, a three-decker school or an ornate Victorian corner pub pokes its head above the curving patterns of squat, well-intentioned, low-density housing with its walled backed gardens and

wated backed gardens and broad open spaces.
Yet this precise spot, where only a few years ago a proud planner might well have conducted a visiting commissar to show off what Britain was doing to heal the scars of the Industrial Revolution. ution, was the storm centre of wild rioting last July. It was on this corner, the Moss Side tribunal inquiry was told, that a police officer window to escape the mob. It was on this same green, the tribunal was also told, "all

had to dive through a closed hell's breaking loose, the police are going mad, they are banging into people with their sticks". Not far away at the height of the trouble, a crowd of several hundred. both black and white, did their best to sack the local their best to police station.

Behind the Moss Side problem, there is a Manchest-er problem. What is at stake er problem. What is at stake is the future of one of the greatest cities in Britain. Mass unemployment is the symptom. The nature of the symptom. The nature of the disease is that the present recession has halted the growth of service industry which was all Manchester had to compensate for the long decline of its manufacturing industry.

It is quite true that rates of unemployment in Moss Side are unbearably high. They are highest of all, too, for blacks and for young people

the two groups who
provided most of the rioters. Yet even so, unemployment in Moss Side is only comparatively worse than in other

parts of Greater Manchester. And the general level of unemployment in the whole city, which for men is expected to remain close to 30 per cent for the rest of the decade, is in turn only a symptom of this deeper crisis: the stagnation in the economy of what until re-cently was one of the most prosperous cities in the country. In Newton Heath, for example, unemployment is now about 19 per cent whereas for the whole of the Man city of Manchester it is now 17 per cent.

Registered unemployment Glas in Manchester, according to a report recently prepared by the city's planning depart-ment will be 19.5 per cent in

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Fading future of the man from Moss Side

ing has almost all gone, though a few short slum streets survive near the Manchester City football ground and elsewhere. There is a smart, though much-wardelized Mass Side characteristics as the street of the str

'uns." He now lives on £69.92 unemployment benefit every two weeks and draws from his redundancy money every other week to get by. His chances of finding a job are slim. When he last applied for work at Kipling Cakes there were 500 competitors for the two vacancies.

1985; total unemployment 23.6 per cent; male unemployment 29.5 per cent.

High as these projections sound, the report gives warning that "the most

Greater Manchester. It stretches from Broadhead Noddle, past Bottom o' the Moor, or — to the unroman-tic and the uninitiated more than 25 miles from the

All metropolitan areas are losing manufacturing jobs which are not being replaced by growth in other sectors. The adaptability of private business has either withered

the same as Britain's in 1975;

it is now more than 106 per

cent of the national rate.

The inner urban cores have been losing jobs for 20 or more years, but with the

mass unemployment of re-cent years differences blur.

by David Walker

the north to the pastoral Cheshire country near Knutsford, which Gaskell's Cranford. The city itself is a banana-

sound, the report gives warning that "the most recent forecasts suggest that even these figures might be optimistic." "I firmly believe", says Colin Brierly, chairman of the city's planning committee, "that we are headed for a large pool of permanently unemployed."

The city itself is a banana-shaped wedge running down through the middle of this great urban complex, between Salford on the west and Oldham on the east. It includes desolate slum clearance areas; the Victorian suburbs like Fainound no longer even easily the biggest — of 10 boroughs no more than the biggest — plex in Rusholme; decaying and no longer even easily the Victorian suburbs like Falbiggest — of 10 boroughs lowfield; prosperous 1930s that make up the new middle-class housing in metropolitan county of Didsbury; the sprawling postwar housing estates of Wythenshawe; and a transat-lantic world of motorways

and modern factories round the airport in the deep south. Over the past 20 years the first crest of the Pennine moors in the east to beyond Wigan in the flat central Lancashire plain to the West, and from the bleak fells above Bolton and Rochdale in fall is made up for by growth ment wowns, with their own facilities and their own jobs, at Lymm and Mobberley. Cheshire would not have that Instead, the Manchester overspill went into isolated

the trends in employment

evident between the censuses

evident between the censuses of 1961 and 1971 will certainly be shown continuing into the past decade and accelerating. In the 1960s manufacturing jobs decreased in number by 18 per cent on Clydeside, by 20 per cent in the Manchester area, by 9 per cent Merseyside (where manufacturing has never been as important as in

beyond the southern boundary. If you make it in Manchester, you move out to

Cheshire. The city wedge, in that time, has lost one-third of its population, from 662,000 to 449,000. But this abrupt fall in population is not the result of people voting with their feet against Manchester. In large part, it is the conse-quence of the city's deliberate policy.

Between 1951 and 1976 the

council demolished 82,000 bomes in the inner area and rehoused 250,000 people. This was the fulfilment of the Labour Party's long-cherished vision of a time when the dark, satanic city would pass away.

It was not so easy to build Jerusalem. Manchester originally wanted to build whole

banking, the professions and public administration.

The decline in manufacturing has been most marked in
the inner urban areas.
Planners, socialist city
councillors and international

capitalists have often seemed

to be working to the same end: killing inner city jobs.

estates fitted in wherever land could be bought. That was one of the seeds of the employment crisis. When the inner city slums were pulled down, jobs were

destroyed along with the houses, and not all of them were replaced on the out-One of the biggest of the overspill estates is at Hattersley, grandly but imprac-ticably sited on the escarpment of the moors on the

southeastern rim of the city, in what is now the borough of Tameside. Ten thousand people live on this one estate. It is a cheerless place at the best of times, and dismal when the mist creeps down from the moors and blots out the distant view of the Man-

chester skyscrapers. Many of the families who live at Hattersley moved there from Hulme or Moss Side in the 1960s. In many respects, and in particular in terms of their prospects of

the problems of access, congestion, vandalism and

males of working age were

175 per cent of the pro-

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figure had risen to 200 per

cent. The inner city formula

is waste land — some estimates define 12 per cent

of city land area as derelict or vacant — plus waste people.

By the end of the 1970s the

whole in the mid-1960s.

crime are deterrents."

finding a job, they are hise if at all, better off than those who stayed behind. Manchester is not just an

industrial town, threatened with the loss of its major industry, like Coventry, or a moved elsewhere, like Liver pool. The city's public re-lations department does not exaggerate (whatever they may feel in Leeds or Newcastle or Liverpool) when it, "accepted capital" of the North of England.

For a hundred years it has been a great European "sec-ond city", fit to be compared with Hamourg or Milan or Barcelona. The question now is how long it will be able to hold on to that rank.

It is a transport hub, with a better system of motorways than London and a major international airport. It is an exciting city for sport, for music, and for the theatre. It supports two symphony orchestras, two important theatres and a "fringe", excellent res-taurants, fashionable discos.

It is second only to London as a centre of higher edu-cation, with three univer-sities (Manchester itself, UMIST and Salford) as well as a big Poly, the Royal Northern College of Music, the business school, the National Computing Centre and the biggest medical school in western Europe.

As a result it is a magnet for young people. Over 26 per-cent of the population is between 15 and 29, against less than 22 per cent nationally. Until recently, in fact, Manchester was doing just what established cities in developed countries must do: facturing into services.

Suddenly that recipe has gone sour. With a severe cyclical recession superim-posed on the downward trend in manufacturing, the disappearance of jobs in industry has accelerated sharply. At the same moment, partly because of the recession, but also partly because of the Government's public expenditure cuts, the compensating growth in service jobs has stopped short. The effect has heen rather as if the city's economy has suddenly hir a

brick wail. The chief executive of the Greater Manchester Council expects that 10 years from now the county will have about 230,000 fewer jobs than people looking for them. And even that figure is calculated on what could well turn out to be over-optimistic assump-tions: that the economy as a whole will pull out of recession, that manufactur-ing will decline no faster than in the 1970s; and that service employment remain buoyant.

In Manchester, as else where, part of the cause of this decline has been a poor rate of investment. Manrate of investment. Man-chester has had far less than seyside and Greater London, in the inner areas. Governthe national average of these were jobs in insurance, ment planning policies have ment planning policies have clearly played their part, but many firms in the newer, more mobile industries find that the depressing and deteriorating environment, high land values, scarcity of large sites, lack of appropriinvestment in manufacturing industry: £77 per head, as against £152 in Wales and £186 in the North. One reason for this is the large porportion of all investment. in manufacturing in Britain that has been subsidized by ately-skilled local labour, and

Under regional development grants, in 1979-80, Manchester received only 53.70 per capita, against 550-60 for Wales and £70.90 for Manchester And Manchester Manchester And Manchester Manch for Merseyside. And Manchester is scheduled to lose all development grants from central government when it loses assisted-area status this year. Officials are specially bitter that this will also mean losing any hope of regional development funds from the European Community.

There is a certain rough justice in this, though. Man-chester is no worse off than other great British cities. It is far better off than some. What the Moss Side rioting What the Moss Side rioting revealed was that, apart from the specific local pressures crowding in on an inner city neighbourhood with a high concentration of black people and of other groups with special problems, Manchester, too, even relatively prosperous Manchester, is going through an urban crisis.

> NEXT WEEK Glasgow: towards a housing solution

from within or been crushed from within or been crushed from without. New entrepreneurs in the shape of committees of one public agency or another have had insufficient flair or their taxing power has been limited. ent: kinning littler City 1008. The councillors first bull-dozed everything in sight, including cheap business premises; later their autagonnever been as important as in the other conurbations), by 10 per cent in the West That was written before Toxteth. Liverpool is notori-10 per cent in the West Midlands, and by 16 per cent in the Leeds-Bradford conurous for the low level of qualifications among its school-leavers and other cit-The result is an absolute and relative increase in big city unemployment. In 1970 Manchester's unemployment was 85 per cent of the rate in the whole of Britain; it was the same as Britain; it was ism to business enterprise showed itself in planning grew by 10.5 per cent in the rest of Britain over the decade. bation. Manufacturing jobs restrictions and high propies share the problem. For erty rates. New plants opened not in the English inner city areas unskilled workers among all

Wasted land, wasted lives

Manufacturing jobs were not replaced by work in transport or distribution or mining or construction; these sectors were in decline, too. Growth occurred, but not everywhere, in what the Standard Industrial Classifi-Results from the 1981 Growing by more than 20 per processed. When they are, all conurbations except Mer-

the cities but on the fringes, out by the motorway box or in the new towns, planned and paid for when decentrali-zation was all the rage. New firms did not replace those that closed. According to a survey by

Department of the Environ-ment officials, "Many factors have contributed to the low level of creation of new firms

Unemployment

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Coventry	6.2	15.7
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Swansea	6.9	15.5
Glasgow	8:6	15.8
Great Britain average	5,4	12.0
Source: Department of Employ	ment	

Theatre Poetic debate

Hours of Life

King's Head Before the next version of La Ronde arrives on the scene, here is a welcome glimpse of a very different aspect of Arthur Schnitzler. Hours of Life, the first play of a 1902 cycle on attitudes to life and death consists of a debate death, consists of a debate between the son and lover of

between the son and lover of a dead woman. The son is a poet, the lover a retired official; and, as practically all we learn about the woman is that she committed suicide for the sake of her son's work, the geneal impression is of a circular argument on the unprofitable theme of art versus life.

However, all the detail in Peter Tegel's translation contradicts that impression. First, there is the garden setting—a neutral zone, midway between creativity and office routine. Then there is the fact that Anton, the official, couples his hostility towards art with a strong sense of his own insignificance. Also, as an old man in a respectable job, he first seems to represent conventional morality; wheconventional morality; whe reas it is he who has had the clandestine relationship and the young poet who shoulders the weight of family responsibility.

The lovers met in the garden. The poet looked after his mother at home. Would old Anton feel so bitter about losing her if it meant not simply "an hour of life" with her in the garden, but listening to her coughing through the wall for night after night?

Schnitzler drops in such questions unobtrusively and stealthily introduces his characters' biographies so as to set up preconceptions and then demolish them. The central duel is forecast in an opening scene with the old gardener (Leslie Glazer) describing his disagreements with an arrogant newcomer to the trade. In Vladimir Mirodan's midday pro-duction, Joseph O'Connor sits absent-mindedly through this rigmarole, looking every inch a bitterly bereaved husband — a feeling initially confirmed by the arrival of Alan Coveney, in full poetic uniform, to describe his attempts to cure his grief by visiting the best art galleries in Europe. The facts of the relationship then start coming out; and we find the aggressive Anton asking the boy for forgiveness, and the

There is not much depth in Mr Coveney's performance; but, behind all Mr O'Con-nor's denunciations of the unfeeling, blood-sucking artistic community, there is a complex charge of guilt, affection and respect for the artist. Irving Wardle

Pop music

Shalamar

The Venue Initially vilified by those who could hear no further than the Bee Gees' score for Saturday Night Fever, disco music has turned out to be the most serious and profound evolution in popular music since the invention of rock and roll. Even the intellectuals have capitulated: indeed, some of the more perceptive among them were the first to recognize the potential of this new musical

Esperanto. Perhaps, in the end, disco will earn its place in musico-logical studies more through the achievements of those who adapted it — August Darnell and Stony Browder, Nile Rodgers and Bernard Edwards, David Byrne and Brian Eno, Bjorn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson — than via the hard core of singers, musicians and producers who musicians and producers who delivered the music to its original audience on the dance floor. It is difficult, for example, to imagine posterity embracing the collected work of the artists who appear on the Solar label, which, by virtue of its consistent ability to manufacture best-sellers, constitutes a mini-Motown

for the Eighties. Shalamar, three singers fronting a seven-piece band, are Solar's most successful outfit. Their 90-minute set on outfit. Their 90-minute set on Monday night was an efficient production set firmly in the mode established by various Motown artists in the late 1960s, combining the funk of Sly Stone, the flamboyance of Jimi Hendrix and the gushing insincerity of Las Vegas.

Of the trio, Howard Hewett has a serviceable tenor, with

has a serviceable tenor, with a graceful transition to the falsetto register, and Jody Watley's husky soprano is reminiscent of the young Diana Ross. Despite the energy of their drummer. Tony Wesker, and their percussionist, Danny Floyd, mundane songs like "The Second Time Around", "Full of Fire" and "Make that Move" seemed interminable. an unannounced Only an unannounced medium-tempo ballad stood out, allowing Hewett to vamp imaginatively over well arranged background harmonies; amazingly, they chose not to perform "Take that to the Bank", their best-

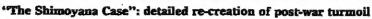
Richard Williams

Cinema: Berlin Festival

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A vogue for the avenging sword





of murder. The film is richly atmospheric, evoking the arid land and killing boredom, and the superficial manner of old-style French the good, simple-minded hero to his act of vengeance. It is nier's co-writer was Jean Aurenche) gives piquancy to the underlying brutality of the film's message.

Aurenche of the film is richly written and directed by Hans all directed by Hans arid landlord who drives the good, simple-minded hero to his act of vengeance. It is an amiable film, with an old familiar Scandinavian blend of social deprivation and religious mysticism. The written and directed by Hans Bjorn Andreson, the boy Alfredson, who also plays the from Death in Venice) who

stride through the town at the heels of the simpleton. The influence of Costa Gavras, Francesco Rosi and their "investigative" cinema

A Japanese film, Ken Kumai's The Shimoyana Case (or "Wilful Murder", or "Dirty Tricks": the title seems undecided), is a more interesting example of the the film's message.

The theme of the swift avenging sword is currently how seriously Alfredson rather in vogue. It appears intends us to take the again in the Swedish entry, gorgeously apparelled avenging and interesting example of the style, on account of the detail it brings to its recreation of an event of the post-war turmoil. In 1949 the head of dull film about a journalist dead on the tracks, days after investigating the frauds of a massive lay-off of his multi-national corporations.

the official verdict, and show the death as a murder instigated by the American-backed political right to discredit the far left. It is rough, contentious and a great deal more journalist (as usual) pursuing then, mother and father have the case for more than a seen each other across a comprehension.

Norman's problem is that violence is the only form of emotional expression which film.

Television Family in ferment

Too Late to Talk to Billy, BBC 1's Play for Today last night, was as bruising a drama as I have seen: drama as I have seen:
unremitting gloom punctuated by violence and the
sound of parting family
relationships, a whole field of
research, for R. D. Laing
perhaps, compressed within a
terraced house. It was J.
Graham Reid's first play for
television, though he has
written four stage plays, and
two more are to be shown
this year. I shall gather
myself to sustain grievous
mental harm.
This one was set in Belfast,
inessential to the plot but

inessential to the plot but obviously chosen because Reid, whose home town it is, knows its sounds and scenes and feels its sadness. The Martin family, on whom he focuses, is fragmented not by sectarian differences but the divisiveness of a wounded, inarticulate layer.

Father Norman, a man of powerful frame and emo-tions, neither believing in nor fearful of God or the UDA, has, we discover in flashbacks, some years pre-viously discovered his wife Janet in dalliance with an insurance salesman. Both suffered his wrath and, since

drink only produces a brief, David Robinson maudlin respite. At the start of the play, Janet is dying of cancer and Norman cannot allow his love to vanquish his pride and visit her. Elder daughter Lorna tries to hold the family together, keep father and son Billy, who has his father's strength and fearlessness, apart, and solve the two gradings.

solace the two small girls. It is an impossible, danger-ous task. Norman cannot accept affection despite his need. An attempt to com-municate with Billy ends in a brutal fight. Mother dies with father too late at the bedside but having realized that his absence at a job in England gives the best chance of family harmony.

He parts from son Billy, repulsed in an attempted embrace, in a kind of armistice and leaves the family to restore the image of their parents' lost unity, their wedding picture to the mantlepiece — "the only way we can all be together in this

It was a punishing but salutary essay on family life in ferment, exceptionally performed by a Northern Irish cast headed by James Ellis, who made Norman a fearful reality. The gritty, nasal Ulster accent gave it moments of inevitable incomprehensibility. Maggie Shevlin was Janet; Kenneth Branagh, Billy; Brid Bren-nan, Lorna; Mary Jackson, Billy's girl-friend; Colum Convey, his friend; and Aine Gorman and Tracey Lynch

were his small sisters.

The executive producer was Neil Zeiger, the producer Chris Parr; Paul Seed directed with pace and force.

Dennis Hackett

Opera

Real people in vibrant vision

Cosi fan tutte

Metropolitan Opera, New York

to the cleansing possibilities of murder. The film is richly

In 1951 the Metropolitan Opera re-introduced its audiences to Cosi introduced its audiences to Cosi fan tutte via the celebrated English-language Alfred Lunt production. Thirty years later, it has replaced that version with a new one cunningly set and adeptly staged, so that Mozart's endless melodies and the opera's delicate balance between life and artifice are enhanced and enshrined.

The Met's very size may militate against that intimacy which Cosi should ideally have, but its acoustics are such that soft, expressive singing, when ad-

aggressive Anton asking the boy for forgiveness, and the inoffensive boy finally accusing him of betrayal for disclosing the suicide note.

There is not much death in the suicide note audience yards of such gracefully rich subtlety, from the singers, and from the orchestra, tamped down and shaped by James Levine. He conducted a fluid, lithe reading still a bit rough at the edges, which needs to settle into the kind of naturally-produced tempo relationships over the long span that are the hallmark of the best Mozart conducting. Yet Levine's constant attention to dynamics and pacing invigorated everything on stage, and consti-tuted some of his strongest work

in the house this season. The cast were well chosen, both as to voices and physical types, and produced a Mozartian en-semble vocalism of unified beauty of tone. Kiri Te Kanawa's magis-terial Fiordiligi at once so vocally commanding yet so softly vulnerable — rightly brought down the house. If she treats her lower voice, here clinically exam-ined by Mozart's writing, with a gingerly restraint, she displays a power and a creaminess in the upper register that more than compensates. One might wish for a shade more elan and daring to go with her intelligence, and a bit more firmness at the end of phrases, but that is nit-picking:

she graces, once again, the house with her presence.

Maria Ewing as Dorabella provided the perfect contrast. Here is an outstanding natural comedienne, both vocally and histrionically, who can colour her chest register so that each word es with a quizzical edge. Yet comedy never overwhelms hu-manity: her "Smanie implacabili" balanced exaggeration with ten-derness, her second-act duet with Guglielmo pulsed with awakened

has emerged as a major artist. The men were similarly con-trasted. David Rendall's flexible trasted. David Rendall's flexible light tenor glided almost effort- lessly over the notes, and he handled the tessitura of "Ah lo veggio" with the ease of a butterfly among violets. James Morris's dark bass-baritone is the current preference for the role of Guglielmo (rather than a light

emotions, and her handling of

recitatives was ever masterly. She

lyric), but the wonder of his large, somewhat rough voice — used for such roles as Claggart in Billy Budd or Boris Godunov - is that, Budd or Boris Godunov — is that, although it can camon out, it can also be reined in for superior Mozart ensemble singing, while its mascudine power counts for a great deal in the second act. Kathleen . Battle's bright and pointed soprano made an exemplary Despina, although the inbuilt cliches of that role, combined with the fact that she is black, gave her servant the aura of those gave her servant the aura of those sassy Negro maids of 1930s comedies. Donald Gramm was his usual urbane and imperturbable self as Alfonso.

As with most Cosi productions, this one reduced the size of the stage by means of a false proscenium, with its own curtain, and a raked playing area. Yet the designer Hayden Griffin's use of movable screens, enclosing and revealing, and a battery of servants to keep the flow of the opera continuous, was entirely appropriate, as was the contrast between the brightly-painted foliage and background Vesuvius (seen smoking in the second act) of the outdoors (which in its trompe-l'oeil effect of doors opening through trees recalled the paintings of Magritte) and the soft patternings of the interiors. This

veered into slapstick or buffoonery. The men as Albanians were barely disguised — the question as to why the ladies never recognized them was not addressed — while, in the final scene, the two men never re-donned their costumes for the final revelation.

Graham carried the idea of real people in real emotional situations to its logical conclusion by having the lovers, finally, pair off as they did in the second act, and not go back to their original paramours. This is more a trendy than a satisfactory solution, but understandable given the orientation of the production. If Graham used his servants fussily, having them peer around corners of the screens at odd intervals, his staging had the real merit of the negative virtues: nothing in excess, and humanity glowing through the disguises and the plot through the words and story of Da Ponte.

One arresting vocal moment (which is in the score) typified the evening: the subito piano in Fiordiligi's "Come scoglio" at the word "tempesta" when she looks at, and almost recognizes, Guglielmo. That moment encapsulated the ambiguities of this supreme score of mask and face, of comedy and wisdom, which was brought to such vibrant musical life on the stage of the Met.

Patrick J. Smith



The magisterial Kiri Te Kanawa (left) with Kathleen Battle

Concerts

Interview: Edward Cowie Explosion of musical ideas

and Julietta at the Coliseum. composition, of thinking Vaughan Williams, whose about my status in the avant Sir John in Love the group garde and about contemporfirst performed at Camary musical thought. And bridge, was instrumental in with two different kinds of the early history of the teacher — Fricker and Lutoscompany, energetically encouraging its promotion of emotional make-up and
new English operas. Now Alexander Goehr who
Edward Cowie is benefiting worked more systematically
from the company's continuon serialism — I went from the company's continuous serialism — I went ing existence. Originally through 10 years of writing written for and performed at either ultra-serial music or

It comes at a fruitful time

written for and performed at the State Opera in Kassel when Cowie was guest promote in 1979, his "fantasy opera" I wanted to write and become Commedia was spotted by Leon Lovett, the New Opera Company's music director. Commedia was spotted by more passive, not letting my Leon Lovett, the New Opera thinking dominate my Company's music director, and its British première this evening will be a particular explosion of musical ideas, kind of celebration for Cowie too.

It comes at a fruitful time in his composing life: a improvisation and fixed plot fortnight ago, his Concerto within the pre-Goldoni comfor Orchestra was premiered in Liverpool, and during the last year he has written four time tensions between improvisation and fixed plot within the pre-Goldoni commedia dell' arte — a form which has fascinated Cowie last year he has written four The tensions



Cowie (right) at work in the recording studio

The New Opera Company, which grew out of the Cambridge University Opera Group, tonight at Sadler's Wells celebrates 25 years of more than 40 productions of contemporary opera, from Arthur Benjamin's Tale of Two Cities to Szymanowski's King Roger and, most recently, The Italian Straw Hat and Julietta at the Coliseum.

Vaughan Williams, whose tional energies.

Cowie's music and his conversation are shot through with Tippettisms ("the music turns on its dark side," I caught him musing); and Commedia itself, with its and Commenta itself, with its archetypal characters, cycle of seasons, ritual dances, begs easy comparison with The Midsummer Marriage. But in theatrical terms Cowie feels they work in opposite Cowie's work as a painter surrounds him with a vocabu-

lary which at times can obfuscate as much as illuminate his verbal articulation of purely musical ideas—which, in the end, as he admits have to meak for admits, have to speak for themselves. But it does mean he knows just what he wants from his designer and director. He chose Aldous Eveleigh as designer after working with him on a commedia dell' arte in 1969. "I watched him dream up Aztec and Inca imagery long before he'd actually been to before he'd actually been to Peru, and I was convinced that was the sort of primeval, naturally chromatic backdrop I wanted." David Freeman, whose

experimental and improvisa-tory work with Opera Factory has been so much in evidence over the last six months, was a natural choice for director. "Michael Geliot [who directed in Kassel] had a special vision of the work's timelessness. But what I look forward to in David is his exploration of the sensual, erotic complexities of the work. And he will, I think, try to articulate some of the work's classicism — I've thought a lot about Mozart and The Magic Flute in this work — as well as its inherent modernism."

Queen Elizabeth Hall Youri Egorov's change of programme at a few days' notice was perhaps typical of

Youri Egorov

notice was perhaps typical of this young Russian pianist's of power than his artistic perfectionism and fastidiousness, a determination to play the right music at the right time, which can even result in a recital being cancelled if he feels unready than his power is the same transport of the same transport for it.

ancelled if he feels unready than his not always deeply prit.

From the first of his 12 the individual character of Hilary Finch Chopin Etudes, its progress each study was the strong

Bruckner's noble sense of proportion brainwashed into fear of music itself, the voice of God the classical, unsultry style. counterpoint and fugue as apprehended by Bruckner, if The proportions were nobly cerebral academic exercises, you like, the music of the and precisely delineated, the cerebral academic exercises, shy away from Bruckner 5, because every commentator

draws attention to its exploits in those accomplishments. They are not dry, but dramatic, just as the fugues of Bach and Beethoven and Brahms are dramatic. When Bruckner exercises his mas-tery in the finale of No 5, the least academic listener feels tension rise alarmingly, and the hairs on the nape of the neck bristle.

Even in the pro-Bruckner musical climate of today, his fifth symphony is something of a Cinderella, and gratitude is due to Uri Segal and the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra for bringing a carefully prepared interpretation up to London's South Bank on Monday. They preceded it with Mussorgsky's hair-raising Songs and Dances of Death, sung by Benjamin Luxon in Shostakovich's transcription for voice Bruckner 5 is no remote symphonic exercise, but a living music drama: yet it is not, like some other Bruckvich's transcription for voice ner symphonies, so much about jolly peasants, or maliciously Austrian scenery, as about

Wagner, Bruckner's idol,

wanted audiences to abandon

themselves to his music. You can do worse than that, listening to a Bruckner symphony, though No 5 expects some degree of audience participation, active pursuit by ear of the musical argument in which the emotional content, uplifting and enthralling, is carried

Bruckner was a pure Viennese classic at heart, the heir of Haydn and Schubert, For that he is nowadays loved and for his romantic para-Wagnerian emotionalism. Segal honourably opted for

emotional contents never left in doubt, all the same; the symphony also exercised the new, increasingly substantial capability of his Bournemouth orchestra, already a band moving purposefully into a higher league.

I enjoyed it for its under-played pomp, care for instrumental colour and due proportion, and the clean articulation of musical sentences. Luxon sang the Mussorgsky songs scrupulously, without exaggeration or any mimicry of, say, Chaliapin, using his own flexible baritone voice to vivify words and music.

William Mann

Infectious atmosphere of discovery

Endellion Quartet

Bournemouth SO/

Even in the pro-Bruckner

Festival Hall

Purcell Room

Audiences.

I hope the sight and sound of a large and enthusiastic audience on Monday will not encourage the Endellion Quartet to move into larger halls. Of course they fully halls. Of course they fully the start of the finale of the deserve their growing success, but quartets are best heard at close hand, especially quartets as lively as this.

Still young in their career together, they fully enjoy their music-making, yet not the finale of the finale of the Ravel Quartet or in the ruder parts of Beethoven's E minor, nor are they too sophisticated to indulge in the occasional moment of pure sugar.

So infectious was the atmosphere of keen dis-

released as a scampering, bounding vitality in the More rewarding musically

we were the me memories and Charlen in his saled describe

massively powerful yet strid- unified sense of the cycle as weakened ingly energetic, it was clear that both he and we were, indeed, in the right place at the right time. Here and in the second and fifth Etudes in particular, a perfectly and excitingly suspended belance. excitingly suspended balance of power between hands gave fevered energy that almost the music fresh impetus, sweated itself out of No 10. Where in the Chopin Mr

here in yards of satin, but the Endellion made every-thing as new, as they did also in the "Rasumovsky", reliv-ing all its insistence, playful-ness, comedy and drive, though proving themselves

Egorov's confidence broad-ened his vision while still leaving him with the surplus amongst the exquisite artifice nervous energy of spontan- of "Feux d'artifice". eity, his Debussy preludes (Book Two, not Book One as advertised) tended to be

in that coy, clubby way that keeps the listener at a distance; instead they invite one to share with them in the not continue into a second of the continue one to share with them in the surprise and pleasure they find in what they play. Their sound, too, is fresh in its openness and immediate in its flexibility, for they are not afraid to sound raw, as at the start of the finale of the Ravel Quartet or in the ruder as a Reethoven's E not continue into a second movement, and amazed also by such things in the Ravel in such things in the Ravel in such things in the Ravel as the dissonant counterpoint for pairs of instruments or the extreme business of the thematic working. More harmonic ensembles tend to veil detail here in vards of satin, but

Between Ravel and Beeth-oven they gave us more John Foulds, his Aquarelles, plea-sant little sketches and distinctive, but not by any means on the level of the Quartetto intimo this quartet recently recorded. That record shows Foulds's true stature, and the Endeliion's.

Paul Griffiths

uncovered in No 6 and that for a sense of the joy of a work of art in progress, for the dancing figures to spring from their friezes, and for a greater sense of expectancy and the unexpected even

Hilary Finch

Stop this defeatist talk about Nato

Doubts about Nato's future Poland. and cohesion have become As fa quite a lasting vogue. With armament is concerned, only infallible regularity it is a tiny minority of people in predicted that the alliance this country, and certainly will collapse, leaving Europe no political forces of any defenceless in the face of all-powerful communism.

accusations to this effect peace and are pressing for have been directed mainly at disarmament. With a few West Germany. It is suspected of renouncing basic these people are neither western convictions and clan- communist puppets nor prodestinely seeking an accom- Soviet in their outlook, modation with the Soviet Rather, they are essentially Union, lured by the appeal of in agreement with the Social

phantom battle. Nato is the continuing arms race militarily intact and capable must be stopped. of political action. There can be no question of an actual negotiate a mutually accept-crisis comparable to that able form of equilibrium caused by De Gaulle when he attained by disarma decided on withdrawal from As for neutralism the alliance's military integration.
In West Germany the need

for Nato is almost undisfor Nato is almost undis-separate course for Germany puted. Unlike the situation in outside the alliance. And as puted. Unlike the situation in outside the alleged new national-tries, there is virtually no significant political force here which calls Nato into question. "The Atlantic Alliance with the military presence of the United States in Europe is indispensable for the Badwall Parable's and pour alleged new national significant who are in favour of dissolving the power blocks as a first step want to see peace in Europe is indispensable ful non-aligned Germany. for the Federal Republic's external security and its capacity for political action". This sentence is contained in a resolution drafted by the executive of the Social Demo-cratic Party for the party

Germany and other European allies want to maintain Nato's long-standing basic policy: the preservation of a defence capability, and detente coup-led with the quest for balanced disarmament.

Dispute, therefore, is over the alliance's political prin-ciples. This is serious, per-haps, but natural, and by no means a threat to its exist-

people to fear that Nato's existence is actually in jeopardy are unilateral disent neutralism and anti-Americanism, possibly combined with pro-Soviet tendencies. This is an allusion to the German "peace movement" of last "peace movement" of last autumn and the West German

As far as unilateral dis-In the past few months, people are worried about

German reunification.

In effect, the concerns trade unions, indeed with the about the future of the vast majority of the people, alliance constitute a kind of phantom battle. Nato is militarily intact and canable The superpowers must

As for neutralism, I do not know of anyone in West Germany with any political influence who advocates a

Incidentally, the fact that members of a divided nation occasionally ponder on the prospects for overcoming that division should not surprise anyone, least of all those powers who for dec-ades also subscribed to congress in April.

What then is actually happening? It is rather the opposite of what is being talked about so much, especially in America: West reach only after a very long reach only after a very long period of detente and disarmament, and only with the approval of the four erst-while victorious powers and

> Polish trade unionists is very deep. Deeper than some people in other countries believe. We have received by far the most of the Poles who left their country after the downfall of Mr Gierek. Since December 13 people in this country have sent more than two million relief parcels to Poland. But the Government, the parties constituting it and the vast majority of Germans do not think much of talk vistern demand for normalido not think much of talk and threats, nor of a kind of loud moralizing.





while victorious powers and the nations of Europe.

Finally, the reaction to events in Poland: in Germany, solidarity with the Polish trade unionists is very deep. Deeper than some meant talks bave no chance of property of the policy of the

Western demand for normalization in Poland have any

If a path towards greater freedom and democracy still exists in Poland, we must not obstruct it by creating a cold war atmosphere. Detente is always based on reciprocity: as long as the other side is interested in detente it will

Poland's benefit. The future of the Western Alliance is not a matter of doubt; it is not being questioned by the Germans.

What is involved is not the

preserving peace also

be willing to pay a price to preserve it. Thus what we have here is not a pro-Soviet

attitude but a policy marked by a common interest in

existence of Nato but the principles of its policy. This policy combines the concepts of military equilibrium, political detente and balanced disarmament. In Germany the active pursuit of these goals is called peace

Ever since the development of strategic nuclear weapons, military confrontation has become global - in three

 These weapons are a threat to all the countries con-

• They are a potential threat to any point on the globe. • They are a total threat to

any political adversary, meaning that they threaten his very existence. In this sense interdependence exists: It is ice-cold and, as it were, negative form of interdependence. Trans-

forming this ice-cold interdependence - keeping each dependence — keeping each other at bay, so to speak — into a positive and constructive type of interdependence is the purpose of the policy of detente. This policy accepts 'existing realities, including the alliances, and does not seek to change the balance of power by force. Its aim is a reconciliation of interests and co-operation in interests and co-operation in political and economic mat-ters. Its aim is to preserve the independence of smaller members of alliances as well as the overriding security

peace policy. It not only tries to reduce conflicts by reconciling different inter-ests and hence to prevent the account of the aforementioned military form of interdependence: it knows that security, the basic goal of military defence, can no longer be achieved through supremacy, but only through

cooperation.
Today both elements of peace policy — deterrence and detente - are in jeopardy. In global confrontation there is inevitably the tend-ency to bypass the bypass opponent's military potential and strike at his substance, for instance economically by a strategy of "arming oneself to death". But anyone who speculates on his opponent collapsing from within is toying with the idea of a which would be

similar to a military victory

and might trigger off corresponding reaction. On the other hand, arms technology has progressed to a point where before long there will be weapons some people feel they already exist — which are so "small"

and accurate that there might be a tendency to use them for a regionally limited conflict.
The temptation to aspire to
supremacy—a truly dangerous temptation—has thus been brought closer again. This is a fatal and possibly

a suicidal course. When asking whether peace policy can be continued, much more than detente is at stake. We now need effective arms limitation and genuine disarmament more urgently than ever before.

It is hoped that people will not look in vain to the talks in Geneva. I should like to finish with

What kind of peace do l mean? What kind of peace do we seek? Not a Pax Americana enforced on the world by American weapons of war. Not the peace of the grave or the security of the slave. I am talking about genuine peace, the kind of peace that makes life on earth worth living, the kind that enables men and nations to grow and to hope and to build a better merely peace for Americans but for all men and women — I speak of peace because of the new face of war.

"It makes no sense in an age when the deadly poisons produced by a nuclear ex-change would be carried by wind and water and soil and seed to the far corners of the globe and to generations yet unborn. Genuine peace must be the product of many nations, the sum of many acts. It must be dynamic, not static, changing to meet the challenge of each new gener-

"For peace is a process—
a way of solving problems.
For we can seek a relaxation
of tensions without relaxing our guard. And, for our part, we do not need to use threats to prove that we are reso-lute."

The American who said this was President John F. Kennedy. He did so in 1963 and was talking about shaping the future, Nato's future,

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than eight times for its

irresponsible coverage of

Council is an essential insti-

tution but it is surely

scarcely credible that men

who have spent their working

lives in the field of communi-

cations should make such a

botch-up of their public relations. Rereading their

relations. Rereading their utterances, I suspect that they neither understand nor

respect the functions of the

show totalitarian responses. They resent the power of the

Arts Council is in practice answerable to no one but

itself, the press provides the only court in which it can be called to account. It is a

dismal irony that an organi-

zation which, above all else, should stand for freedom of expression, should get so incensed when the press

I believe that the Arts

Henry Fairlie

Too many duds on the campus

A few days before President The offspring of the postwar Reagan revealed his budget baby boom rushed on the proposals, a coalition of 12 universities and colleges and groups called the Action overwhelmed them.

Committee for Higher Edu
At the same time the cation, already knowing what the proposals would mean for their members, launched a lobbying campaign as intense as that conducted by any other industry. And why not? Higher education in America is an industry that manages to spend almost \$60,000m a

The day after its press conference, the Washington Post carried a half-page news story from Cambridge — in England, that is, not Massachusetts — which bore the menacing headline, "Thatcher's budget axe threatening deep cutbacks at univer-It reported the same kinds of protests there as are beginning here. Who says that the special relationship is not flourishing when the hands of so many nervous dons are joined across the

The cuts in financial aid to students which Mr Reagan now proposes are certainly Whether one considers depends on what one thinks of the higher education system in America as it has developed in the last 20 years. One of its undeniable benefits is that many teachers who ought not to be teaching are able to live comfortably off the aid given to many students who do not deserve to be taught.

The General Accounting Office (GAO) last year presented to Congress a report on the actual working of the student aid programmes. Its examples included a student at State Community College in East St Louis, Illinois, who received \$8,400 in seven years while completing only 35 of 215 required credit hours. She took the same speech course eight times and the same sociology course five times. She passed in neither of them.

A student at Boise State University in Idaho received more than \$4,200 in federal aid was granted a degree in social science after taking 13 physical education courses. These included "coed bowling", "coed bil-liards", and even "coed jogging"! He did best in two independent study courses on "sexuality and the male athlete" and "behaviour of the Christian and non-Christian child". His final marks were 4 Fs and 11 Ds. The state university gave him a

Of course the standards in the some 3,000 universities and colleges in America are not uniform. Anyone who has lectured for his ill-carned honorarium at many of the smaller private colleges must wonder wonder how they were ever accredited as institutions of higher education. Yet they have benefited as much as anyone in increased revenues

The substantial expansion of the student populations was the work largely of the GI Bill after the Second World War. The enrolment in press. They think it should be their handmaiden, not their critic; should print their hand-outs but not question higher education in Illinois as suitable a state as any to take as an example—rose from 107,000 in 1940 to their policy. Though out-wardly democratic, when exposed to criticism they 156,000 in 1956. This was modest enough, given the circumstances, and standards were surprisingly maintained. That imaginative

expansion is not seriously criticized by anyone. It is interesting, in fact, that of the three agencies which administer the financial aid to students today, the Department of Education, the Social Security Administration, the Veterans' Administration, it is the last, according to the report of the GAO, which now maintains the highest standards in the selection of students worthy of assistance. This legacy of the administration of the GI Bill needs to be remembered.

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At the same time the programmes of the great society were introduced; the children of the needy and minorities were to be helper to go to college. Whereas in the 16 years before 1956 the number of students in Illinois had risen by only 50,000. it rose in the succeeding 18 years by only a little less than another 350,000. It such astounding figures reflected in other states across the country, that raise

questions about student aid One last figure gives some idea of the mushrooming that occurred during the 1970s. When the Pell grants for needy students were intro- duced in 1973-74—they are so called after Senature Civil called after Senator Clai-borne Pell who sponsored them—\$122m was distributed to some 185,000 students, in the fiscal year which ends in April this year no fewer than 2,800,000 students will be ceive \$2,300m in this form of aid alone. No wonder Mr. Reagan wonders.

The admission of students who will probably not graduate and not even finish their courses, says the GAO, is what "threatens to under mine the integrity of the financial aid programme." Of course ways ought to and can be found — even within the present budget — to assist needy students who earn appropriate standards were appropriate indeed, more maintained, indeed, mo might be available for them

Wesleyan University is a private university of high reputation. It has already announced that it is ending an admissions policy that did not take into consideration the ability of the student to pay. But its new admissions policy still provides for selecting first a class of students purely on their merit, and the other catego-ries of admissions do not seem likely to exclude many students who deserve to get

Other universities and colleges are adopting much the same policies, and on the whole one finds it difficult to believe that harm will result. The simple fact is that the admissions policies of the past two decades have pro-duced a system of higher education in which increasingly the ill-educated have been educating the ineducable, at the cost not only of the taxpayer but of those who can and wish to be educated.

The trustees of Yale University had the intelligence in 1978 to choose from its own faculty as its new president a professor of English and a scholar of medieval and renaissance literature. Mr A. Bartlett Giammatti has surprised many by his skills as an administrator and even as a fund raiser. But he has also spokesman of the need to restore American universities to the pursuit of their traditional functions.

There is not one state university in America today that has anything like the reputation of several in the early years of this century or even the University of fornia at Berkeley before it was wrecked in the rampages of the 1960s. When the admissions were compara-tively few, even to public universities, their "curiously hierarchical nature" was respected, even by the democracy. It no longer is. Not by the democracy as it is

it can only be hoped that the cutting of federal aid will start some rethinking out in the states. Once they start reducing admissions, then reducing admissions, reform will really

But then came the 1960s. Times Newspapers Limited, 1982

Does the Arts Council protest too much?

Last week Mr Richard Hoggart delivered the Haldane Memorial Lecture at Birk-beck College and used the occasion to make a prolonged attack upon the media for, he d, its unfair treatment of the Arts Council following the cuts in December 1980.

ironclad arrogance, he told his learned listeners that the media "had particular difficulties in dealing adequately with issues which intellectual imaginative perspective", accused the arts reporters of gullibility, and attributed to me personally a Svengali-like influence over them, in the following terms: "The intensity and length of the uproar owe a good deal to the activities of one man, Michael Croft . . . he found quite exceptionally willing ears throughout the press and broadcasting". The fact that the "willing ears" might

own and taken a poor view of the Arts Council anyway did not occur to Mr Hoggart. The truth is that for some time mine was almost the only critical voice to be heard. Most of the 41 organizations which lost subsidy kept quiet in the hope of having it restored or obtaining a tree Council. of obtaining Arts Council winding up grants instead.

Shirley Williams

personal alliance

lished writing to date is one

booklet, a prescient work he

produced a year ago, called Liberals and Social Democrats:

extensive meeting, and I shall be

missed trains will be disap-pointed".

Clued-up Sir Cecil

The latest winner of The Times

crossword puzzle prize is Sir Cecil Clothier, the Ombudsman.

done more research."

forms a new

I have now made my own study of the way the media treated the cuts. Far from complains, I find that the serious newspapers at least continually gave the Arts Council space to justify

the cuts, predictably, caused a furore; but Christmas was coming and one assumed that the press would then lose interest. On the contrary, in the New Year the issue was quickly taken up by some provincial reporters invited to London by the Arts Council to hear news of its regional policy. According to one Northern journalist, in response to persistent questioning over the cuts, Mr Richard Pulford, Sir Roy Shaw's deputy, turned "very shirty" and sternly declared: "You are not here to discuss

At the same time Mr also have had minds of their Hoggart spoke out as vice-chairman of the Arts Council. In The Standard on January 9 he justified the lack of warning given to victims by asking "Have you ever tried going up to a man and telling him you were going to bang him?" Some of us felt bound to reply that in British justice people were not usually hanged without a fair trial.



Michael Croft: critical voice

The first sign of paranoia at the Arts Council then appeared. Mr Hoggart claimed he had been misquoted, and the Arts Council put pressure on Mr Louis Kirby, editor of The Standard, to retract this state-ment. Mr Kirby stood by his reporter, Charles Spencer, but then gave Sir Roy Shaw two full-length columns in which to restate the Arts Council case. However, this did not satisfy Sir Roy, who complained that he was published on a "miscellaneous" page and that, instead of printing his photograph, The Standard had used one of me as his

Sunday Times, Mr St John- test against his support for Stevas, Arts Minister at the cuts. Thus he agreed to time of the cuts, called the hold an open meeting on Arts Council's conduct "ill- April 24. The meeting was judged and uncivilized". His limited to one hour. Sir Roy attack elicited further press took up half of it with his comment, some of it symmow familiar litany of self-pathetic to the Arts Council. justification but then came a In The Observer Miss Janet Watts found Sir Roy's manner surprisingly "genial" and quoted him at length, while The Sunday Times gave Mr Kenneth Robinson a large chunk of its Opinion page to reply in detail to Mr St John-But the Arts Council was

now sniffing out criticism from all quarters and one had a vision of Sir Roy poring over his press cut-tings late into the night like Nixon over his tapes. The next editor to offend was Richard Keeble of The Teacher, a publication which, not surprisingly, had de-plored the axing of the National youth organizations. Mr Keeble was called to-Piccadilly and lectured on his lack of journalistic judg-ment. Soon afterwards The freeher gave prominent space to a letter from Sir Roy under the banner, "Arts Council not to blame for

Mr Hoggart is Warden of the cuts yet again and rebuked the media no less Goldsmiths' College. Some of

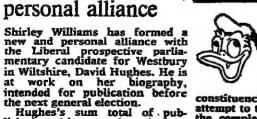
Criticism came to the boil his students now began to in March when, in The boycott his lectures in pro-Sunday Times, Mr St John- test against his support for barrage of criticism from theatre directors, managers and students, who accused the Council variously of ineptitude, partiality, ignorance and arrogance.
Not a word of this criticism appeared in the daily press. In fact The Daily Telegraph devoted most of a lengthy

report to the statements by Sir Roy and Mr Hoggart. But that Sunday Miss Janet Watts in The Observer described the hostile mood of the audience and the fierceness of the criticism. Miss Watts was then accused by the Arts Council of misrepresentation and lack of integrity. Although her editor stood ther, she felt so threatened by the severity of the attack that she is still reluctant to discuss the matter at all. In September the Arts Council fired its major salvo. In its annual report, unsul-lied by the hands of art reporters, Mr Robinson and Sir Roy in tandem defended

chooses to exercise that freedom by putting the Arts Council itself in the dock. Michael Croft

The author is director of the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain.

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Donald Duck is the new Tory spokesman on economic policy. He is thus promoted in a Labour Party slide show which is to be shown in the constituencies this summer in an

attempt to tutor party activists in the complexities of the alternative economic strategy.

The Case for an Alliance. He is England, Wales and Scotland, also now involved in plans for a won The Times Atlas of the World new fortuightly supporting the with a correct entry completed in alliance cause, called *The Demo-* 45 minutes.

He has been doing the cross-His own constituency, though word since he went up to Oxford in the top rank of Liberal before the war. "I always do the winnables, is not yet guaranteed across clues first, without any to him by formal agreement with regard for the down ones, and the local Social Democrats, but then I go back to the beginning he is promised Williams's co- and see what I have got," he told operation on the book. He says: PHS yesterday. "If you call that "We have had one reasonably a system, that's mine".

seeing her again when I have Exotic holidays

Hughes promises a serious Whatever our present difficulties, political book. "Anyone looking for a lot of stuff about hair and PHS does not envy Abrahama Mendez his job. Mendez is deputy general manager of El Salvador's national tourism institute, charged with encouraging people to holiday in a land best known for its daily round of indiscriminate killings, bomb blasts and gun

Cecil Clothier, the Ombudsman.

Sir Cecil, parliamentary commissioner for administration and health service commissioner for administration and health service commissioner. health service commissioner for has had a raw deal from the

preview of the show tells me he was appalled. "The whole presentation diminishes the arguments to the level of comic cuts", he international media. True, American nuns and lawyers have been murdered but no foreign tourist has been killed or holiday centre attacked. "You have a greater chance or being killed walking down a New York street at night,

While Donald quacks his way through the Conservative side of the argument, Labour's replies are put in a refined and lady-like voice which sounds as if it comes

complete with pearls and twin-set. One MP who has had a

but that does not prevent tourists going there", he complains. The institute is trying to persuade the US State Department to drop its "no-go" rating of El Salvador, which since 1979 has meant that most American insurance policies are void dur-ing their holders' stay in El Selvador. "We all know some Americans will hardly go out of their front door without checking

their policies, so this is obviously a blow to us", Mendez says. Apart from civil war, El Salvador offers volcanoes, Mayan ruins, a tropical climate and Pacific beaches. "We are beginning to halt the slump in the number of visitors", the irrepressible Mendez avers. "All is not less the beautiful for the pressible for the beautiful for the formatter than the statement of the stateme not lost. We have great plans for the future."

Scotland Yard An Apology Our item headed Corruption

Drama at the Court on January 19 suggested the Royal Court play Operation Bad Apple carried a degree of verisimilitude with Operation Countryman by portraying police corruption going as righ as Assistant Commissioner. It also suggested this was correct We are glad to make it clear.

and we accept, that there are no grounds for suspecting that any of the Assistant Commissioners at the time of Operation Countryman, or at any other time, was guilty of corruption. We apologize for any distress caused by this item and as a

token of our regret we are paying a sum of damages to the Assistant Commissioners, for crime and uniform operations respectively, part of which they will be donating to a police charity.

British delays

An influential German editor regales PHS with his experience of British efficiency. Instructed to report at Washington airport at least two hours before the departure of British Airways' flight 276 to London, he was told when he got there that the flight would be half an hour late. He was warned of further delay only after the alternative (Pan Am) flight to London had already left. There-

after further delays were announced every 30 minutes until the passengers were taken to hotel bedrooms. Roused early next morning, they were then told the plane had still not left Detroit, but that they should take off at noon. In fact they would have left at 1.20 pm had a mechanical fault not set them back another 90 minutes. Though the plane was a third

empty, an old and ill lady was refused a row to herself. The red wine was iced, and most of the inflight entertainment was, said my informant, boring. What bright-ened it up, the editor concludes, was the screening of some documentaries showing how brilliantly British enterprise and

Appealing mix

The mix of people that the Rev Douglas Perkins has enlisted to support his appeal on behalf of Christ Church, Streatham, is almost as varied as the potpourri of Byzantine, Greek and Egyptian styles that have shaped the church itself. Christ Church, a Grade 1 listed building erected in 1842, has a west front modelled on the Great Synagogue in Athens. The tower was probably inspired by the campanile of St Mark's, Venice, and the arches are copied from the Great Mosque in Isfahan. Oboist Evelyn Rothwell, widow of Sir John Barbirolli, who once

lived in Christchurch Road, has agreed to become a patron as Leslie Sarony and actress June

Marc is indisposed

The poet laureate, Sir John Betjeman, and David Jacobs, the been broadcaster, have also The only jarring feature about

this remarkable piece of architec-ture is that much of the inside of the church is painted in a the church is painted in a striking pink and blue colour scheme—which fills the vicar

Like father . . . When Greville Janner succeeded

his father, Sir Barnett (now Lord) Janner, as Labour MP for Leicester North West in 1970, it was the first and only time such a thing had happened on the Labour benches. Now Greville's son Daniel, a

former president of the Cam-bridge Union and secretary of the Young Fabians, has been chosen as Labour prospective candidate for Bosworth. There he will be pitted against another dynastic representative, the incumbent, Adam Butler, second son of Rab. No chance of Daniel graduating to his father's constituency, now Leicester West, I fear, as Greville did from his teething ground in Wimbledon. "Daniel will make his own way in his own way", Januar MP assured PHS.

Burnt-out?

concern.

The electrical contracting industry is to hear in Harrogate on April 1 what bad shape it is in. The bearer of the sad news is Dr Alan Bailey, research director of BUPA, the private health-care

For two years employees of

Whitfield, who still live near by. firms in the Electrical Contractors' Association have been able to have BUPA medical examin-ations at their employers' ex-pense. Bailey says that preliminary findings from the Manchester area showed that electricians of an average age of 35 were physiologically ten years older. He found them more worn and torn than businessmen of 47, and more likely to suffer, or die, from heart disease.

Bailey is now analyzing results from screenings on London electricians, who seem a little less frayed than their northern colleagues. One filament of hope Bailey says electricians respond to advice to give up smoking and drinking better than businessmen.

preliminary voting for the best non-acting performance caregory of the Broadcasting Press Guild's annual television awards, one member nomimated Jeremy Irons for Brideshead Revisited and another Adolfo Celi for The Borgias.

Orchestral moves

If Rudolf Barshai, founder of the '. Moscow Chamber Orchestra, succeeds Uri Segel as principal conductor of the Bournemount Symphony Orchestra, he will add prestige to the seaside band that further dilute its reputation for promoting British music. Bournemouth was founded as

orchestra in Britain in 1893 by
Sir Dan Godfrey, of the great
family of British bandmasters

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McCarthyism

It goes back to last July. British Rail had offered its employees 7 per cent in the annual round, which was 7 per cent more than it could afford since it faced losses in the year exceeding £100 million. The railway unions had lion. The railway unions had demanded 15 per cent. The dispute went to the Railway Staff National Tribunal (chairman, Lord McCarthy) which split the difference: 8 per cent backdated plus 3 per cent. The tribunal did not regard it as its business to regard it as its business to consider how the award was to be paid for, though it gave a perfunctory nod in the direction of productivity: "given the financial and market constraints that press on the industry, adequate pay and conditions should continue to be influenced by what can be done to maintain

what can be done to maintain productivity".

The board said the extra 3 per cent could be paid only if it was financed by productivity. The unions demanded payment without strings. A strike was averted in August with the help of ACAS in whose presence the parties but their names to tree parties put their names to two related but separate "understandings". One on pay said that the extra 3 per cent would be paid backdated on January 4 and a thirty-nine hour week introduced. The other on productivity included the objectives of variable rostering — "negotiation shall take place to establish variations to rostering agreements with a view to introducing some flexibility around the eight hour day... These discussions shall be concluded by October 31."

Two of the rail unions fulfilled their undertakings about productivity. The third,
Aslef, did not. It refused to
budge from the eight hour
day, a time-honoured restriction which enforces monstrous inefficiencies in the use of train drivers' time. The board felt justified in with-holding the 3 per cent from Aslef and Aslef felt justified in stopping the railways three days a week. The disruption for the public has been less than might have been expected. But it has been runous to the railway's finances and damaging to its

commercial prospects.

The inquiry chaired by Lord McCarthy, which Aslef refused to attend, finds that the board's promise to pay the 3 per cent was unconditional, that its attempt at the time to make the payment dependent on the parallel productivity agreement being honoured was merely" a statement of intent about its own future attitude", that the 3 per cent should now be paid to Aslef and the strike called off, and that negotiations about rostering should be resumed and expedited in the established machinery of the railways from which the board should not have removed it, the final piece of that machinery being Lord McCarthy himself in his capacity of non-binding arbi-

Never can a party to pro-ceedings have been so well rewarded for refusal to attend. Everything went Aslef's way. The only thing de-manded of it is that it "should confirm its continued commit-ment to the understandings of Government.

August 1981" and specifically to the rostering bit of the productivity understanding. But we know the cash value of Asler's commitment to that agreement. Mr Ray Buckton spelled it out on August 21. The agreement, he said, did not commit the unions to any productivity issue; "we are committed to talking about these issues, something we have never refused to do. I say it is a victory for railwaysay it is a victory for railway-

This broken-backed inquiry has greatly weakened the position of the board. It can now seek to write into the conditions for paying up and resuming negotiations the pre-commitment by Aslef which Lord McCarthy so recklessly omitted from his proposals. That appears to be the purpose of its move last night. But it will be hard now to get a bankable assurance out of Aslef, and to stand out for one risks losing the good will of the other two rail unions and the present guarded neutrality of the trades union movement in general. Asler's own protective self-righteousness will have hardened. The prospect of wringing a rostering agree-ment out of it this side of a prolonged shut-down of the railways, irreversible loss of traffic, and permament closure of parts of the system, has been made worse by the McCarthy inquiry. But the board must persevere in the attempt and hold to its insistence on the efficient use of its manpower. In that it deserves support from the

ARMS TO ARMS, ASHES TO ASHES

The proposed sale of Ameriright issue on which to do it. can F-16 jet fighters and Hawk mobile anti-aircraft missiles to Jordan seems likely to become the object of another major political battle in the United States similar to the one over the Awacs sale to Saudi Arabia last year. Once again the battle lines will be drawn between the administration, the arms manufacturers and the pro-Arab business lobby on one side, and a broad alliance of Senators and Congressmen, some hawkish, some doveish, encouraged and orchestrated by the Israeli embassy and the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee on the other. Mr Weinberger and the Pentagon will again be seen as the main proponents of the deal, while Mr Haig, who shows greater sensitivity to the dangers of a confrontation with Israel and its American allies, may again run the risk of appearing only a tepid supporter of the President in a key foreign policy battle — for certainly the President will need once again to throw his personal authority into the scale if the deal is to go ca's interest to fuel the flames of that futile and dangerous through.

Mr Reagan might well win this battle as he won the last, but his domestic political position is no longer as strong as it was last year and he might, on reflection, decide that the diversion of energies from the battle to get his budget accepted and to preserve Republican positions in the mid-term Congressional elections was more than he could afford. He might also ask himself whether, if he is going to take on the pro-Israel lobby in a pitched — never a decision to battle be taken lightly by any American leader — this is the

That was already very doubtful in the Awacs case, but at least there was a tenable argument that Saudi Arabia needed Awacs to protect her oilfields against a surprise attack from Iran, and that it was healthier for this protection to be assured by Saudi Arabia's own armed forces, suitably equipped, than by American forces based on Saudi soil. In Jordan's case there can be no serious doubt against whom an air defence system is needed. A major Syrian attack on Jordan is hardly likely, for all the present tension between the two countries. President Assad plate without that. Nor does it seem likely that Mr Weinberger intends the weapons to be passed to Iraq for use against Iran, as Iran's President Ali Khamenei has charged. If that were the intention, Congress would certainly be right to oppose the deal, for only on the most cynical and short-sighted view could it be considered Ameri-

No, the country by which Jordan feels directly threatened, and against which it feels especially vulnerable in the air, is of course Israel. The weapons by which it feels threatened are American weapons, acquired by Israel as military aid (either through outright grants or through very soft credit terms) from the U.S. government. And the reason why America feels impelled to offer such wea-pons to Jordan was also the the friendship of moderate

Arab states in spite of sup-porting an Israeli policy which directly threatens their interests and to which they are bitterly opposed.

There are many aspects of this policy which the United States also opposes, or claims to oppose: for instance the raids against Beirut and Bagh-dad, the annexation of the Golan heights, the intensive colonisation of the West Bank. It opposes these, TERENCE BECKETT, Directorrightly, because it sees them as threatening the fragile truce in the Middle East, increasing the likelihood of another all-out Arab-Israeli war, increasing the general Arab mistrust and hostility towards the United States, and thereby undermining the position of pro-American regimes in the Arab world. A logical response would be to reduce the level of American military aid to Israel until such time as Israel is willing to take more account of American views and interests. The administration is, it seems, unwilling to take the political risks involved in such a course. It is therefore driven to compensate for its over-arming of Israel by arming the Arabs as well thus getting into conflict with the pro-Israel lobby anyway but in a less good cause. Before long we shall reach the position where an Arab-Israeli war can be fought mainly with American weapons on both sides, thereby no doubt greatly increasing the profits of the American arms industry but also casting severe doubt on the seriousness of America's commitment to peace. It is time for Mr underlying reason for the Reagan and his advisers to try Awacs deal: the need to retain putting the horse before the

Health partnership From Mr Arthur Seldon

Sir, Since taxation is not supplying sufficient funds, and the demand for improving health services will continue to grow, a decision to postpone insurance as a source of finance will have two results that neither government nor health insurers can preclude

or even restrain.

First, it will accelerate the deterioration in the quality of services supplied by the NHS. Many will remain exemplary, not least because they are provided by doctors, nurses and others still living off the spiritual capital of the medical and nursing professions that has nothing to do with the NHS; but the general

do with the NHS; but the general standard will decline even more rapidly in the next ten years than it has in the past ten.

Second, the demand for improved quality—which comprises not only clinical treatment and consultation but also time in waiting, individual attention, choice of doctor, date and place of attention—will increase more tapidly, despite short-period flucrapidly, despite short-period fluc-

tuations.
All this because the much maligned "market forces", no more than the activities of men and women in the ordinary daily business of Wordsworth's "get-ting and spending", will find ways round the power of the state. As incomes rise the ordinary man and woman will want better medicine than the state can supply equally (or

rather attempts to supply, be-cause it fails). As medical technique improves, it will be easier to supply services, decen-tralized and localized, to suit tralized and localized, to suit individual requirements, circumstances and preferences. As employees become more valuable in industry, the attitude of the NHS hospital — "don't call us, we'll call you" — will be increasingly rejected if work is not to be disrupted by the absence of a key man in a working group, team, task or working group, team, task or

plant.
The central political decision whether to repress private medi-cine in the effort to sustain the NHS, or to welcome private medicine as a standard by which to judge the NHS, a competitor to stimulate it, and a source of summate it, and a source of finance to supplement it — must be taken sooner rather than later. The longer it is evaded the more disturbing it will eventually be, since market forces do not stand still.

Yours faithfully, ARTHUR SELDON, The Thatched Cottage, Godden Green, Sevenoaks, February 10.

Trident considerations

Vice-Admiral Sir Ian From McGeoch Sir, You report Mr Keith Speed, MP (February 13), as urging Mr Nott to abandon Trident II, which

is a submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) system having a maximum range of about 6,000 miles, in favour of an unspecified number of Tomahawk cruise missiles with a range of barely 2,000 miles, to be "carried in every submarine in the Navy and fitted to surface ships".

There are at least three strong

There are at least three strong reasons against such a proposal.
First, ballistic missiles are inhe-rently more difficult to counter than cruise missiles, to a degree that cannot be compensated for, at a similar cost, by a greater number of cruise missiles.

number of cruise missiles.

Secondly, the unique stabilising character of the SLBM system derives from the concealment and mobility of the submarine in the vastness of the oceans. The role, primarily anti-submarine, of the general-purpose submarine, whether nuclear-powered or diesel-electric, requires it to accept risk of detection in the course of its operations, which course of its operations, which would be incompatible with the strategic deterrent, retaliatory

role.
Thirdly, the notion that the strategic nuclear deterrent arm might credibly be mounted in surface ships, whose every move-ment may readily be observed, seems to be courrary to common

Yours faithfully, IAN McGEOCH, Southerns, Castle Hedingham Halstead. Essex. February 15.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hope for cut in NI charge

From the Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry
Sir, Sir William Clark and Mr Michael Grylls (letter, February 15) appear to agree with the Confederation of British Industry that the need in the coming Budget is to help commerce and industry to get moving. Where we disagree is on the method used.

Pound-for-pound cutting the "infamous" National Insurance surcharge would be the quickest way of helping a very wide cross section of business, by letting companies keep and use their own money. In this way the Government would help investment and therefore job prospects; it would assist exports and promote import substitution. promote import substitution.

The gross yield sector by sector of NIS in 1980 was 27.2 per sector of NIS in 1930 was 27.2 per cent from manufacturing, 9.6 per cent distribution, 5.3 per cent construction, 3.1 per cent transport and communication, and 12.1 per cent other services — all fields which are now feeling the worst effects of the recession.

A third came from one sectors

A third came from one sector: central Government (simply a book transfer), from local government (where the rate-sup-port grant could be adjusted), and from the nationalised indus-tries (where the Government could insist that a saving on NIS should be tied to investment). We are completely in favour of full indexation of tax allowances on the basis of the Lawson-Rook-er-Wise amendment, which we

er-Wise amendment, which we tave included in our represen-tations to the Chancellor.

The CBI would like to see income tax cuts, but the case for direct assistance to industry is

much more pressing and the timing of such cuts would make much better sense next year.

Sir William and Mr Grylls should be aware that the real problem for business just now is low liquidity and low profitabili-

The CBI agrees that many people in Britain are concerned about the leyel of personal taxation but we would submit

taxation but we would submit they are even more concerned about employment prospects. It should also be noted that in 1981 real disposable income for persons stood 13 per cent higher than it did four years ago whilst post-tax profitability for compa-nies had fallen 67 per cent in the same period. same period.

same period.

Cutting income tax now could start a consumer-led boom sucking in imports with which a weakened business sector would be hard pressed to compete.

The beauty of cutting NIS is that it would immediately help businesses to compete by cutting costs, which CRI members tell us

costs, which CBI members tell us is the paramount obstacle to gaining further overseas busi-Yours sincerely,

Confederation of British Industry, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, WC1. February 15.

Events in St Lucia From the High Commissioner for

Sir, I have just returned from St Lucia and have been shown a report from your Washington Correspondent which appeared in your newspaper of January 21. The report is certainly a phantom and has no substance. The facts

are simply these: Last year, the government of St Lucia, under Mr Allen Louisy, was defeated on its Budget measures. The Prime Minister, who was also Minister of Finance, resigned. The Governor General, after consultation, asked Mr Winston Cenac to form a government. On January 11 last Government

introduced a Bill in Parliament purporting to remove doubts as to the extent of certain legis-lation (Ordinance 16 of 1960 of the Laws of St Lucia) concerning the holding of an office of profit under the Crown. The Bill under the Crown. The Bill further sought to extend the period during which a minister, having been given an advance for the purpose of his travel abroad, is required by law to surrender the advance on his return home.

The Opposition considered the Bill a blatant attempt at legalising corrupt practices. There was uproor in the House and the uproar in the House and the sitting was not resumed. So incensed was the general public that the Chamber of Commerce, which had repeatedly complained to Government on previous the affairs of state, instructed its members to close their premises and keep them closed until Government resigned.

The trade unions approached the government to withdraw the Bill. When the Government in fact agreed to withdraw, the unions went further and demanded Government's resignation. A part of the Civil Service then decided to come out on

strike.

The strike lasted for about five days before the Archbishop of St Lucia and his aide, Father Anthony, offered their good offices. The private sector and the political parties accepted the offer. They agreed that a former junior minister, Mr Brian Michael Pilgrim, would form an interim Government. The agreement was so hedged with constitutional provisions that it made it tutional provisions that it made it impossible for the Prime Minister to conceive of any idea of permanence in office. Parliament was dissolved on February 6. In accordance with the Constitution general elections will follow within 90 days of dissolution.

I think you would admit that this cannot be bettered for constitutional propriety. Yours faithfully, CLAUDIUS C. THOMAS, Eastern Caribbean Commission, 10 Kensington Court, W8. February 4.

A log jam in land tenancies

From Sir Charles Mott-Radclyffe From Sir Charles Mott-Raddyffe
Sir, In your timely leading article
"From generation to generation"
(February 9) you query the
validity of Mr Peter Walker's
reluctance to introduce amending
legislation to the 1976 Inheritance of Tenancies Act (which
gave security of tenure to two
further generations after the
death of the sitting tenant) lest it
should be labelled "a landlord's
charter". It would be difficult to charter". It would be difficult to think of a more complete mis-nomer. Indeed, the principal beneficiaries under any such Bill would not be the landlord but the would not be the landlord but the would-be tenant, which is why the Tenant Farmers' Association and the Young Farmers are in favour of it.

The present situation is singularly unhealthy, for tenanted land is virtually a closed shop, confined to those fortunate enough to be able to claim the inheritance of a farm tenancy on the state of th their father's death. It is as though every tenant farm had a notice on its gate, "One way traffic only, no entry for new-

Even the second son of the deceased tenant has little chance of finding a farm to rent if his elder brother has successfully claimed the tenancy on his father's death. Very few, if any, landowners are prepared to lock up a farm tenancy which might last for 100 years, as the drop of one million acres of tenanted land (quoted in your editorial) since 1976 shows.

Unless an attempt is made to remove this log jam very soon all kinds of alternative schemes to the landlord and tenant system will go abead, leaving future arguments about the tenanted sector more or less academic. Legislation on agricultural tenancies is only practical so long as there is some tenanted land to legislate about.

I hope that Mr Peter Walker will not go down in history as the Conservative Minister of Agricul-ture who put the final nail in the coffin of the landlord and tenant system.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES MOTT-RADCLYFFE, Barningham Hall, Matlaske, Norwich. February 11.

From Mr Aidan Harrison

Sir, I refer to your editorial (Feb 9) on agricultural tenancies. The number of farms let to tenants has been in decline for 30 years due to the profitability of postwar farming and the penal taxation of landlords' capital and rental income.

The 1976 legislation was designed to stem the flood of landowners, who were understandably avoiding these taxes, and reaping large profits, by becoming large-scale farmers at the expense of the young generation of tenants. Thus the availability of farms to new young tenants had dried up well before the 1976 Act; it was enacted to slow down the attack on the number of existing rented family farms. The repeal of this Act will make no more land available to young farmers. This can only be achieved by a taxation policy which encourages responsible landowners to let land as smaller family farms, and legislation which discourages the faceless absentee purchasers of land, such as financial institutions, from destroying the explosical and social fabric of

stitutions, from destroying the ecological and social fabric of rural England for the purely monetary gain of unseen, unsure transfer tran caring investors.

The rent of a farm should be determined by the earning capacity of that farm under good husbandry, not by someone in the City deciding on what return he requires from his (fragile) investment; when the tenant goes bankrupt there are always more young hopefuls, at even higher rents, ready to try to extract even more from the soil.

Institutional ownership should be conditional to letting in small farm units with security of tenure and fair rents.

On the subject of succession, is it your wish that a farmer's son can be evicted from his home, often after half his working life? Even under the "impregnable and unending security" of the 1976

Act, 50 per cent of contested cases are won by the landlord.

I would suggest that a change which would help all round would be the ending of a tenancy when the contest of the contest of

would be the ending of a tenancy when the tenant reaches 65, rather than on his death, with succession for a competent, qualified heir, and eviction only for very good reasons indeed.

Which, socially and environmentally, is best for our countryside: "agribusiness", itinerant short-term tenants, or the traditional, but fast-disappearing family farms with security and the feeling of families "belonging to" their parish and district?

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The environmentalists who are worried about the changes in the English landscape have failed to realize that they are caused by the decline of that "endangered species", the British family farm. Yours faithfully, AIDAN HARRISON, Morrelhirst.

Morrelhirst, Netherwitton, Morpeth, Northumberland. February 9.

Social sciences cuts

From Dr E. A. Shinebourne an Mr J. C. R. Lincoln Sir. We have been concerned to read reports of the Government's plans for further cut-backs in plans for further cut-backs in social science research. Funded by the Social Science Research Council, a team of sociologists from Goldsmiths' College, London, have been investigating parents' responses to the diagnosis of congenital heart disease in their child and to the subsequent referral to a children's heart unit. The study's dren's heart unit. The study's results have important and practical lessons for the nursing and medical teams looking after the children as well as for the

families.

How does the family understand, cope with (or not) this situation? The majority of congenital heart anomalies can be corrected but sometimes only palliation is possible and a small number of conditions are inoperable.

able. Most children survive surgery but inevitably some die or have residual disability. How can the families best be helped to adapt to the situation?

child, even though objectively the parents are not "to blame" for their child's anomaly. It has also shown that parents' communi-cation difficulties arise particularly in early stages of treatment and this has led to the establish-ment at this hospital of an additional "parents" clinic prior to their child's admission. Who can investigate with the

The research has revealed the

moral implications for parents of

necessary academic rigour the realities of the situation for the parents? In our view this type of sociological study is essential if we are to know the impact of high technology medicine upon our patients and their families. To eliminate this type of social science research and the grantgiving body best able to judge its quality would be a profoundly mistaken act of Governmental policy. Yours faithfully,

ELLIOT A. SHINEBOURNE, C. LINCOLN, Department of Paediatric Cardiology and Surgery, Brompton Hospital, Fulham Road, SW3.

SDP aspirations

From Mr Grattan Endicott Sir, It is estimated that some 60 per cent of the members of the SDP are people like myself who SDP are people like myself who have no previous allegiance to any political party. We stayed away, not from lack of interest but because we did not like what we saw as bickering and division, the politics of confrontation and clique. We have come forward now because we believe the SDP offers a new climate, a new scene, and we will be determined to obtain those goals.

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Therefore, there is no room for ungenerous spirits; for antiquated attitudes of suspicion in our ranks. There is no room for such attitudes in our dealings with others. This party has a job tode it must not one with it and to do, it must get on with it and show the electorate that it does indeed have the strength and the will to lift itself above the pettiness which people like me have abhorred in the past.

The hope of the party and of the British people is that a party containing these new elements is bound by the very force of its

nature to find its centre of gravity in the broad centre, in that very broad centre through which we are now urging the electors to drive a swathe of common sense and consensus. Anyone for whom this will and energy is too strong must inevitably opt out, for we cannot afford to be held back by narrow thinking or mean designs: the aim is too high, the time too

It is therefore comforting to note that John Horam today, in your columns, (February 9), has applied a corrective to the rather silly debate that has been going on for a few days — with may it be said, the gratuitous inter-vention of some persons whose concern is not the achievement of the purpose we have set. I trust we may now get on with our task without involving ourselves in such quirky discussions — and a plague on those who will try to stir them up. Yours sincerely. GRATTAN ENDICOTT.

14, Elmswood Court, Palmerston Road, Liverpool.

Right objectives From Mr David Irving

Sir, I was shown the two letters referring to Focus on my return from Washington yesterday. Alexander Chancellor (February 3) does clear up the mystery of why our advertisements inviting branch secretaries to sell us their mailing lists have not appeared in his Spectator. We encountered the same censorship at the other end of the political spectrum — the Cambridge university newspaper Stop Press declined a whole-page advertisement for our Focal DAVID IRVING. Point, unseen, but at least Chairman, Focus informed us by less roundabout 31 Duke Street, means than a letter to The Times!

memories and Charlen in his relation

with Mr Chancellor's description of me? Some call me "mild", he calls me "extremist": perhaps radical dissident would be fairer words, particularly since I do not believe Mr Chancellor has met me or read our Focal Point.

Our embryonic group has never published any statement of objectives. Indeed our journal makes it plain that Focus policies will be formulated after rational consideration, and not before. Can he know more about them than I do?

Yours faithfully, DAVID IRVING, Chairman, Focus Policy Group, Mayfair, W1. May I diffidently take issue February 10.

Case for Belvoir The 1976 legislation was coalfield

From the President of the National Union of Mineworkers

National Union of Mineworkers

Sir, The article by Ronald Butt in The Times of February 11 is heavily biased against the development of the north-east Leicestershire coalfield and one-sided in the choice of views quoted.

The inspector and his assessors at the public inquiry did consider "a huge weight of evidence", but Mr Butt leaves the impression that most of it came from objectors. In fact, those who spoke in favour of the development included the Department of Energy, the European Community's Energy Commission and the Central Electricity Generating Board (CEGB), The two county councils involved, Not-

ing Board (CEGB). The two county councils involved, Notninghamshire and Leicestershire, are no longer opposed to the development.

Having heard the evidence from all parties, expressed over six months of public hearings, the inspector, in his unpublished record appears to have record.

the inspector, in his unpublished report, appears to have recommended that planning permission should be given.

Your article claims that 4,000 properties would be at risk because of subsidence damage. In fact, expert evidence based on experience in other coalfields suggests that two-thirds of all the properties would not be affected at all and only about 100 would suffer anything more than slight damage. None of the potential housing sites mentioned at the inquiry is in the Vale of Belvoir.

Indeed, only one of the proposed three mine sites is in the Vale of Belvoir. That name was given to the coalfield by the objectors, for emotive and camobjectors, for emotive and cam-

paign reasons. Some new railway building would be necessary, but the only development within the vale itself

would be the reinstatement of the mostly undeveloped track of a disused line.

There would be no permanent loss of agricultural land as a result of waste disposal from the mines and only 3 are cent of the mines and only 3 per cent of the total land area of the coalfield would be occupied by the mine

The inquiry had evidence from the CEGB that the coal would be needed by their local power stations to replace the capacity which is inevitably going to be lost through the exhaustion of reserves at pits in Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire

and Nottinghamshire.

If this country is going to recover permanently from the current recession caused by the huge rise in oil prices since 1974, we must surely develop the assets that nature has given us. And there is no better example of that wealth than the new Leicestersbire coalfield. Yours faithfully,

JOE GORMLEY, President, National Union of Mineworkers, 222 Euston Road, NW1. February 16.

Taxing bank profits

From the Vice-Chairman of Barclays Bank Limited

Sir, It was widely reported in today's press (February 11) that Mr Jack Straw, the Labour Treasury spokesman, has said in a budget memorandum to the Chancelor that the windfall profits tax on the banks should be reviewed this year. It has apparently escaped his notice that my bank has recently found it necessary to augment its capital resources by raising £100m capital loan stock which, coincidentally, approximates to the amount of last year's windfall profits that profits tax.

Nineteen eighty-one saw con-siderable growth in British banks' balance sheets, perhaps as much as 30 per cent, a not insignificant part of this growth having occurred by the fall of the value of the pound against the dollar. If the banks are to retain their capital ratios at levels required by regulatory auth-orities and to satisfy the criteria of rating agencies to permit them to continue to satisfy the needs of British industry and to fulfil their role in the re-cycling of funds internationally, then to weaken them by depriving them of the very material on which they rely is surely a disservice to the community as a whole.

I would suggest that Mr Straw should look at the banks' needs for profits and the need to retain a high level of those profits in the business in order to fulfil their vital role rather than focus their vital role rather than focus his attention on a meaningless figure of pre-tax, pre-minorities, pre-windfall profits tax profits suggested by the leading brokers. It is perhaps paradoxical that the shares of this bank, often described as the most profitable in the world, trade at about 60 per cent of their needs per cent of their worth in real terms 15 years ago. Yours faithfully, F. R. DOLLING,

Shades of B. Levin

Barclays Bank Limited, 54 Lombard Street, EC3. February 11.

From Mr F. B. Toombs From Mr F. B. Toombs

Sir, Thank you for the warning (February 13). I have an eye shield in the car that I bought before the war for one and sixpence at Austin Reed's in Regent Street. It is most useful when driving into the sun. So, if ever I have the pleasure of an anticipated visit by Mr Levin, I would lock the garage; but I hope

would lock the garage; but I hope that won't put him off.

How nice it was of him to remind us of dear Tommy Handley; we hope we may also safely say to you, Sir, T.T.F.N.

FRANCIS TOOMBS, South Green, Kirtlington, Oxford.

February 14.



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BUCKINGHAM PALACE FUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 16: His Excellency
Señor Hermes Herrera was
received in audience by The
Queen and presented the Letters
of Recall of his predecessor and
his own Letters of Credence as
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary from the
Republic of Cuba to the Court of
St James's.

Republic of Cuba to the Court or St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following Members of the Embassy who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Señor Licenciado Carlos Trejo Sosa (First Secretary), Señor Castro Cipriano (First Secretary), Señor Ramón Diaz Torres (Commercial Ramon Diaz Torres (Commercial Attache) and Señor Carlos Aleman (Attache). Señota de Herrera had the onour of being received by The

Oueen.

Mr Derek Day (Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty was present, and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance. of being received by The Queen upon his appointment as Head of Her Majesty's Medical Household. Dr John Batten had the honour

hold.

Air Vice Marshal John Severne had the honour of being received by The Queen upon his appointment as Captain of The Queen's Flight.

Her Majesty held a Council at 6 o'clock this evening. There were present the Right Hon Francis Fym. MP (Lord President), the Right Hon Sir Michael Havers,

Forthcoming marriages Mr F, Curzon and Miss-J. Hordern

The engagement is announced between Fritz, younger son of Sir Clifford Curzon, of Highgate, and Joanna, only daughter of Mr Michael Hordern, CBE, and Mra Hordern, of Chelsea.

Mr A. M. L. G. Clavarino and Miss S. P. S. Phillips

The engagement is announced between Alfredo, elder son of the Marchese Valerio and Lucia Clavarino, of Turin, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Phillips, of Horsbam, Susan,

and Miss J. Walton

The engagement is announced fetween Christopher, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Dann, of Chippenham, Wittshire, and Jill, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. H. Walton, of Sandbach, Chashire

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty. The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, this afternoon visited Selsley School, Stroud (Headmistress, Miss P. Baker).

Her Royal Highness was received upon arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Colonel M. St. J. V. Gibbs) and the Chairman of the Governors (the Reverend Ian Bushers)

By Command of The Queen, the Lord Skelmersdale (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heath-row Airport, Loudon this morning upon the arrival of The President of the Republic of Iceland, and welcomed Here Iceland, and welcomed Her Excellency on behalf of Her

February 16: The Duke of Gloucester as President, East Midlands Tourist Board, this afternoon attended a presentation on "The present state of tourism in England" at the English Tourist Board, London In the evening, His Royal Highness, President, The Royal Agricultural Society of England, presided at the Royarry Fellows presided at the Honorary Fellows Dinner given by the Society at Armourers' Hall, London

Lieutenant-Colonel Bland was in attendance.

Mr A. J. R. Harvey and Miss K. M. Younger

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Pope's 'hearts and minds visit'

By Clifford Longley Religious Affairs Correspondent

Cardinal Hume yesterday offered reassurance to those who were apprehensive about the visit of Pope John Paul II to Britain in May. "There's bound to be fear", he said. "We have a very complicated history in this country, and it is famastic that he is coming here at all. But he is not coming here to chuck his YORK HOUSE, ST JAMES'S

February 16: The Duke of Kent, as President, today visited the new offices of the Technician Education Council at Central House, Upper Woburn Street, WC1 not coming here to chuck his weight about." At the largest press conference, the cardinal had ever addressed, he answered a question from a Captain John Stewart was in

he answered a question from a foreign journalist about "anti-Roman feeling" among the British, which could be provoked by the papal visit.

"He is a very dear man", Cardinal Hume said. "People see all kinds of things that the Catholic Church might do. But it won't. We are good citizens." Captain John Stewart was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron, accompanied by The Duke of Kent, was present this evening at a Reception for the Edward Boyle Memorial Trust which was held in the State Apartments, St. James's Palace.

Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell and Lieutemant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN, were in attendance.

won't. We are good citizens."

He appeared upset by a suggestion that the Pope's visit to Toxteth in Liverpool, part of his route from Speke airport, was in connexion with last summer's riots there. Some of the more outspoken comments he had heard were clearly mulicious, he said. The route was decided before the riots, and to avoid Toxteth would need a deliberate decision.

Toxich would need a deliberate decision.

The cardinal said he had heard it said that "all you had to do was to throw a brick at the police, and the Pope would come and visit you". The truth was that the main road between the Roman Catholic Cathedral and the airport ran through Toxicth.

Cardinal Hume, speaking from what he called "notes" before



Cardinal Hume:

whole". Asked to expand, he added: "We all live in the valleys of life where the problems are. There are few people who can take us to the top of the mountain and show us a vision of what lies beyond the horizon. John Paul II is such a man. Whether we are Christian or not, this is a man who can raise our minds and hearts to things which really matter."
It had been stranged that the

It had been arranged that the Pope would call on the Queen at Buckingham Palace on the day of his arrival, and the cardinal said he expected it would be a friendly and relaxed occasion, without speeches. Roman Catholics had two loves, he said, their country and their church; and the Pope's call on the Queen was a meeting between the symbols of those two loves.

But he also emphasized that the Pope was coming "as a pilgrim", and his encounter with people outside the church was something "we would want to approach in total humility". □ Vatican City, Feb 16 - The Pope has accepted the resignations of the Right Rev Anthony McFeely, aged 73, the Bishop of Raphoe, in the Republic of Ireland, and of the

are good citizens.

Answering questions, emphasized that one dimension of the Pope's wist was directed at "the hearts and minds of all the people" and not just the Roman Catholic community.

He had "much to say about appointment of his successor. God and about man, which is believe to be vital to the administrator.

The cooperation will extend to one of the organizations covering a particular location, say Canter-bury, and providing a "feed" to

The President of the Law Society Mr Dems Marshall, was host at a

luncheon at 60 Carey Street yesterday. The guests included:

Sir Maurice Hodgaor. Mr C N'Smith Dr R C Tress. Profossor Gordor Borrie, Mr K E Wright, Mr J Vivien Symoa. Mr J J Copeman-Hill, Mr A R N Raiciffe. Mr W M Williams, Mr J D Tuanicilite and Mr J L Bowror (secretary-general).

The Hon Douglas Hurd, Minister, a state for Foreign and Commonweelth Affairs, was host at 1 Carlion Garden yesterday at a dinner in honour of Heritagon Sehr.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress enterrained the follow-ing guests at dinner at Mansion House last night:

The Lord Chambertain and Lady Markeas, the Right Rev Lord and Lady Congan, Lord and Lady Luke, Admira Sir - Derck and Lady Empson, the Recorder of London and Mrs. J. W. Miskin and Mr and Mrs David inglefield.

The European-Atlantic Group

Among those present were:

Dinners

Lady Mayoress .

BBC and ITV to cooperate on coverage By Kenneth Gosling

The Independent Television Companies' Association hailed the announcement at a break-through. There has previously been limited cooperation, such as at the state opening of Parliament, but the scope of the Pope's visit is so great and covers so wide an area that substantial coverage will be demanded. The BBC and independent television yesterday announced: that they have agreed to cooperate on the coverage of the

Pepe's visit.
They said they would avoid duplicating certain technical resources at some locations.
They will announce their separate schedules later.

Luncheons

HM Covernment Lord. Cartington, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at Admiralty House yeaterday at a function in honour of Dr. J. M. A. H. Luns, Secretary-General of Nato."

Parliamentary and Scientific

Parliamentary and Scientific Committee

The Parliamentary and Scientific Committee held their annual luncheou at the Savoy Hotel yesterday. Earl Jellicoe, president of the committee, presided and the guest of honour was Dr George A. Keyworth, II, Science Adviser to the President of the United States. Sir Harold Wilson, MP, and Mr James Callaghan, MP, were present. Other guests included:

The Darl of Halsbury, Vigcount Caldecole, Lord Sharffield, Lord Luckerman, OM, Lord Peace, Lord Loyd of Kilgeren, OC, Mr. on Mabon, Mr. of Masser, Mr. of Masser, Mr. of Mr. of Masser, Mr. of Masser, Mr. of Mr. of Masser, Mr. of Mr. o

ants in England and Wales

Mr Harry Singer, President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, was host yesterday at a luncheon at Chartered Accountants' Hall. The guests were Mr A
Colin Cole, Mr Nicholas Edwards,
MP, Sir Derek Ezra, Mr M. D M
Franklin, Sir Maxwell Joseph and
Mr P R V Watkins.

Members of the Diplomatic Corp. Prince Cyrus Atlabai, Lord Banks, Lord Beaumoni of Whitley, Mr Antony Buck, Of, MP, Mrs Elma Dangerfield, Air Marshal Sir Patrick Dunn, Lord Duncan-Sapdys, CH, Lord Greenbill of Harrow, Lord Rennet, Sir David and Lady Liddordale, Sir Gilbert Longden, Sir John and Lady Peel, Lady Roberts, Sir John and Lady Peel, Lady Roberts, Sovietoso, Lord Shertield, Viscount Simoe, Lord Stewart of Fulham, CH, Conoral Sir Harry Two and Sir David Wills.

Birthdays today Mr Joho Allegro, 59; Sir Eric Clayson, 74; the Earl of Elgin, 58; Lord Foot, 73; Mr Barry Humphries, 48; Lord Kearton, 71; General Sir John Mogg, 59; Sir Orby Mootham, 81; Professor Claire Palley, 51; Mr T. C. Ravensdale, 77; the Hon Nicholas Ridley, MP, 53; Mr Justice Slyan, 52; Mr Elleston Trevor, 62. The Hon Mrs Maxwell Aitken gave birth to a daughter in London on February 15. Harding, Mr Eric, of Hampstead, north London 2294,333 Hewitt, Mr George Clark, of Penrith, Cumbria 274,138

Eton College

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Latest wills

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Miles Kington Moreover

The piece centred mainly on the curious names given to Winnie the Pooh in translation; of them all, none was more curious than the name given to him in Brazil, which is Dudu der Puf. This memorable nomenclature — the only detail of the article, in fact, that I can recall has inspired me in centenary year to go to Mr. Milne's agents and rediscover the other forms in which the bear of little brain reappears

oscillate wildly between attempts to preserve the Pool: name at all costs and to

I read in a newspaper several ranto they talk about Winnie-years ago an article on A. A. Milne, which was odd as it wasn't his centenary year. The piece centred mainly on Poland he is Kubus Puchatec

nia they throw out the Pooh and make him Winnie Ursuletul. In Czechoslovakia they drop the Winnie and make him, depending on whether you speak Czech or Slovak Medyidek Pu or Macko Puf this latter having strange contradictory overtones of machismo and poovery. The Russians publish both Pooh As it turns out, they mysteriously Vinni Pukh i

get right away from it. Swedish is quite happy to settle for Winnie Nalle Puh, whereas next door in Normal. whereas next door in Norway Puff. Well, she. And yet I will they see him as Ole Brumm. go on oath as having read a name which for inexplicable reasons strikes. just right. The Dutch see him der Puf. So if any readers happen to have Brazilian children and can enlighten from them.

OBITUARY

MR W. OPPENHEIMER

Former Westland Aircraft director

Mr Walter Oppenheimer, a as it is known today and its director of Westland Aircraft emergence as a successful Limited at his retirement in British helicopter manufac-Limited at his retirement in 1980, died on February 1 after a short illness. He was

A Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, his first board appointment in the Westland group was in 1953 when he was made finance director after a short period as an adviser while still in full time professional practice in London. From 1953 until his retirement he held a wide range of directorships in Westland companies, including a period as assistant managing director for Westland Helicopters and, later, executive vice-chairman (finance) of the holding company, Westland Aircraft Limited.

In 1959 and 1960 he played a major role in the purchase by Westland of Saunders-Roe imited and the subsequent acquisition by the company of the helicopter interests of the Bristol Aeroplane Compa-ny and Fairey Aviation Limited. This was the foun-dation of the Westland group

Oppenheimer was a council member of the Society of British Aerospace Companies

from 1960 to 1980, and

chairman of the joint review

board advisory committee from 1969 to 1977. He continued throughout his life to take an active interest in the accounting profession, and was a mem-ber of one of the working parties associated with the inflation accounting steering group chaired by Sir Douglas Morpeth. He was also a member of the working party of the Wilson committee of inquiry into the workings of the City and its institutions, as well as author of a number of papers on accounting principles and policies.

A man of great humanity and considerable culture, a bon viveur, Oppenheimer will be missed by friends and colleagues. He leaves a wife, Anne, and three stepdaughters — Elizabeth, Diana and

MAJOR VIVION DE VALERA

Major Vivion de Valera, Government accept this as a who died in Dublin yester-day, aged 71, was a son of the former Irish leader, Mr Eamon de Valera.

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Fiann Fail supported this statement, and while de Valera did not dissent from

For 36 years Vivion de Valera, who was born in 1910, was a Fianna Fail member of the Dail, retiring before the general election last year. He entered the Irish Parliament through a by-election in North West Dublin in 1945.

He was also managing and Valera did not dissent from the party, he said that Cosgrave had seemed "to come perilously near recognizing without qualification a de jure right of a section of the Irish people to maintain the partition of our comptry".

The Irish Constitution of bury, and providing a "feed" to the other.

Independent Television News will provide the main production team, the same as for the royal wedding, for the independent network.

by-election in North West
Dublin in 1945.

He was also managing and
controlling director of The
frish Press, the newspaper
founded by his father in
1931, and took over from his
father at the paper in 1959.
During his parliamentary
career, he remained on the
backbenches; but his name
ensured that he occasionally
emerged in the limelight.

In March, 1974, he issued
his own clarification of a

In March, 1974, he issued his own clarification of a Commissioner, stood and statement by the then Fine Gael Prime Minister, Mr De Valera's first wife.

Gael Prime Munster, Mr Liam Cosgrave, on the constitution of Northern Ireland. Cosgrave had said: "The factual position of Northern Ireland is that it is within the United Kingdom, and my De valera's furth when the married Vera Rock. He is survived by his wife, his son Eamon, a director of The Irish Press, and a daughter, Anne.

MR BOONPONG SIRIVEJJABHANDU

Bangkok on January 29, made the name Boonpong familiar to all prisoners on the Thai-half of the Thai-Burma railway built by the Japanese with Allied PoW labour in 1942 and 1943.

He himself came from the

The European-Atlantic Group gave a dinner last night at St Ermin's hotel in honour of Mr Peter Blaker, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, after a meeting held at the House of Commons by courtesy of Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, MP. The chairman of the meeting was Lord Maynew and the chairman of the dinner was Sir Frank Roberts. small town of Kanchanaburi, the base from which the railway went north. Originally the contractor for supplying the camps with such canteen produce as the Japanese permitted, he rapidly came to identify himself with the PoWs, not from any strong political beliefs, but from simple Buddhist com-

Mr Booppong Sirivejjab-tals, and advanced cash handu, GM, who died in against personal valuables, Bangkok on January 29, which valuables he redeemed scrupulously and amazingly after the war. He risked his life countless times. In 1947 it was rumoured

De Valera's first wife, Bride, died in 1951. In 1975

that Boompong was in some political and financial trouble. The Far East PoW Association raised some funds which were sent out to-Bangkok. Shortly afterwards Boonpong and his wife established the Boonpong one of Bangkok's successful bus companies to this day. In recognition of his ser-

vices and courage, Boonpong was awarded the George Medal in 1948. Every Christ-He risked cashing many camp commanders' cheques, brought in secret medical supplies for the camp hospi-

After a curacy in Win-

chaplain in Montana, Switzer-land, in 1929 he become Rector of Wolferton on the

Sandringham Royal Estate. Here he gained the friend-ship of King George V and

In 1938 he came to Glou-cestershire as Vicar of Great

and Little Barrington. In 1943 he became Vicar of Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, and in 1948 came to the cathedral and the arch-

The diocese, the cathedral and the King's School, Glou-cester, were his life. To each

of these he gave unstinted

service and was totally dedi-cated. He served under five Bishops of Gloucester and three Deans. It was fitting

that he should die in harness.

Queen Mary.

deaconry.

THE VENERABLE W. T. WARDLE

T. E. E. writes:—
The Ven Walter Thomas to Pembroke College, Oxford Wardle, Archdeacon of Glouand later Ripon Hall. cester from 1949 and Residentiary Canon of Gloucester chester and one year as a Cathedral from 1948, who chaplain in Montana, Switzerdied on February 12, was the Senior Archdeacon of Eng-land and Senior Residentiary

In recent times no one has been an archdeacon longer than 33 years. When asked once by another archdeacon who had just retired when did he think of retiring, he replied "Not normally before 11.30!"

His wit in conversation, his "bon mots"—he was in many respects a twentieth-century Sidney Smith—his love, generosity and deep understanding and a very forgiving spirit made him a "beloved uncle" to scores of diocesan clergy and their families for over 30 years. Although a bachelor, one felt he had the

most enormous family.

He was a big man in every way—born in Southsea on July 22, 1900, in 1919 he saw service in Northern Russia A Diocesan Bishop once asked him if he had ever thought of taking a sabbatical; to which Walter Wardle replied "No, all I ask is a fortnight off hefore the funeral". The Lord actually gave him two months! with the British Expeditionary Force sent to Archangel formight off befor to help the White Russians funeral". The Lord a against the Bolsheviks. On gave him two months!

Lady Kelly, widow of Sir Gerald Kelly, KCVO, PPRA, died on February 13 at the age of 83. She was Lilian, fifth daughter of S. Ryan, and she was married in 1920. Generally known as Jane, she was said to have been painted by her husband no fewer than 50 times and her portrait appeared at Royal Academy exhibitions with unfailing regularity. Her husband died in 1972.

ADMIRAL VERNER Admiral Waldemar Verner,

a shop window dresser who became an East German Deputy Defence Minister, died on February 15. He was 67. Verner fled to Scandinavia in 1933 after detention by the Nazis and spent the war years there. He returned in 1945 to East Germany

wife was Winifred Roberts, herself a gifted painter.

University news

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MP (Attorney General) and the Right Rion Douglas Hurd, MP (Minister of Sept. Foreign and Commonwealth Office). Sir Neville Leigh was in attendance as Clerk of the

The Right Hon Francis Pym, MP had an audience of The Queen before the Council.

KENSINGTON PALACE

The governors of Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for the Disabled announce that Mr E. Stanley Evans has been appointed president of the foundation, in succession to the late Major-General Sir Randle Feil-

Mr David John Cann, Joint Headmaster of Copthorne School, Crawley, Sussex, has been appointed Headmaster of Sandroyd School, near Salisbury. A memorial service for Mr B. Sweet-Escott will be held at St Giles' Cripplegate, at 11.45 today. Simon

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

February 16: Princess Alexandra

this afternoon visited the new milk-processing dairy of Unigate at Chadwell Heath, Dagenham, Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester will visit the Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition at Earls Court, London, on March

Mr G. H. Moonsey-Reysham and Miss P. A. Twiston-Davies The engagement is announced between Giles, son of the late-Major R. H. G. Mounsey-Heysham and Mrs I. M. Rowcliffe, of Castletown, Carlisle, and Penelope, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W. A. Twiston-Davies, of the Myude, Much Dewchurch, Hereford.

Mr'N. K. F. Graham and Mrs A. Preston

The marriage took place on February 16 at Canterbury Register Office between Mr N. K. F. Graham and Mrs A. Preston. Colonel R. A. Humbert and Mrs G. M. P. Aspinall

The marriage took place on Saturday, February 13, followed by a service of Prayer and Thanksgiving, at St Nicholas, Harpenden, of Colonel Robert Adrian Humbert and Mrs Gillian Marsure Espace.

Margaret Frances Aspinall, daughter of Mrs M. E. Alipress. A reception was held at The Old Palace, Hatfield House.

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with cod wars, chess contests and, wrongly, with a polar climate. Iceland, though deeply conscious of its past, has changed faster in the

last 40 years than almost any other nation in Europe

Iceland

A big little country

A not unsympathetic server remarked that the trouble with Iceland was that this nation of 230,000, living on a virtually uninhabitable island in the north Atlantic and until recently over-whelmingly dependent on catching fish, behaved as if the population was 20 mil-

Iceland has all the features

of a much larger state: a diplomatic service, a national airline (itself a merger between two companies), a university teaching such expensive subjects as medicine and engineering, and a television service covering the whole country. There is a National Theatre, a symphony orchestra and even a budding film industry. An opera company was recently launched in a converted cinema, and ballet is also performed. performed.

Even Parliament (the Alth-ing) with a total of 60 seats, has two houses, a legacy of the 1840s, which critics today argue should be switched to a single chamber. Inside that Parliament sit four parties, none of which has managed to secure an overall majority in a general election since 1931, when Iceland was still joined in a union with Denmark. The need to forge a working coalition every time the country goes to the polls makes for a high level of political intensity. After the latest elections in

December, 1979, it took two months, an unusually long time by Icelandic standards, to cobble together a govern-

What happened then has left a painful legacy. When none of the party chairmen was able to form an administration. Dr Gunnar Thoroddsen, supported by a small group from the Independence Party went into coalition with the Progressives, whose roots lie in the important cooperative movement and the People's ment, and the People's

These seemed to be strange bedfellows, and Icelanders are still arguing about what happened. The Independence Party did not formally split, but 17 of its 22 MPs are in opposition. Seating arrangements in the Althing present no problem. Members' places are drawn by lots, irrespective of party, at the start of a

Amazingly, both govern-ment and opposition MPs attend meetings of the Independence Party, although Nato, while the Prime Minisseparate caucuses are also held. Party members who tried to force a clean break at the last annual conference lceland, a state without were unsuccessful.

A motion to expel the Prime Minister and his supporters was withdrawn the present government was. Another, less extreme way, formed in February, 1980,



Supporters greeting President Vigdis Finnbogadottir at her home after the announcement of her election victory in 1980,

omns any specific reference to Nato, and talks of empha-sizing the implementation of an independent foreign polwas found to try to heal the party's pride. By a margin of more than three to one delegates exhorted the three Independence Party Ministers to resign and the two other dissidents to stop supporting them, so that the party could unite in attempting to form a new government.

But there is no suggestion that this implies a neutralist course. The manifesto simply talks of strengthening Ice-land's "participation in the work of the United Nations and the Nordic Council. . . ".

The Independence Party are in effect the Conserva-Icelandic politicians have developed the habit of being able to ride out contradictory policies. This is not the first time the PA has taken part in a government not committed to closing down the Nato base at Keflavik, near Reyk-javik, which is operated by the United States.

tives, and the People's Al-liance the most left-wing group. Their enemies call

them Communists. This is too sweeping. The alliance is a descendant of the Commu-

nist Party of Iceland, which

depression years of the 1930s. The alliance includes

Marxists, but is a broader

church than some of its

opponents allow, and it now presents itself as Socialist.

The day martial law was proclaimed in Poland, PA

outside the Polish Embassy

terrand on his election. An irony is that the PA is against

Iceland's membership of Nato, while the Prime Minis-

armed forces of its own, was

a founder member in 1949. The programme issued when

protestors

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ined momentum during th

Dr Thoroddsen told The "The People's Alliance has always been against our membership of Nato and against the Keflavik base. But this government will follow the same foreign and defence policies as before. In Parliament the great majority are for this policy. Our main objectives in Reykjavik. The alliance was also quick off the mark to congratulate President Mitin this government are lighting inflation and ensuring full employment. We have had success with both these

objectives."
The Prime Minister discussed his reasons for taking a rump of his party into government not just with the politically compatible Progressives but with the previously unacceptable PA. Referring to the two months delay, he said that if Parliament was unable to form a majority government, this could have led to the President appointing a non-parlia-mentary administration.

This would have been "a very great dishonour to Parliament. I thought it my duty to form this government so that the country could have a Parliamentary government, but my party rejected my proposal." He said this had been a cause of great disappointment to him.

Outside, the cynical argument is heard that after a lifetime in politics, Dr Thoroddsen, an unsuccessful candidate for the Presidency in 1968, was set on becoming in 1968, was set on becoming Prime Minister, with this probably the last chance. Nevertheless, the experience of the break with most of his colleagues for someone who has been in the Independence Party for 50 years, seems to have saddened him.

have saddened him.

The intensity of political life is one reason for not regarding Iceland as another Lilliput. The Althing may be tiny, but it is the product of a democratic tradition, admittedly dormant for centuries, older than that of Westminst-

Another reason for the outside world to take Iceland more seriously than its population and resources might first suggest is its stategic position. Keflavik is a base for the

American surveillance of submarine traffic in the north Atlantic. Controversy has been fuelled in the past by allegations that nuclear weapons are stationed in Iceland. Aircraft stationed there can carry such arms. This claim was published in Washington in 1975 and subsequently repeated in Stockholm but not in Moscow. In 1977, Mr Kosygin, the late Soviet Prime Minis-

the late Soviet Prime Minis-ter, said in a speech made on that he made no provision for the occasion of a visit to winter fodder for his livethe occasion of a visit to winter fodder for his live-Moscow by the then Icelandic stock. As luck would have it, Premier that there were no the winter that followed was

What is an Icelander?

Magnus Magnusson discusses

his countrymen

So warm once the thaw begins

There is a wry joke current left, he saw drift-ice from the in Iceland, and much appreciated by the Icelanders themselves, about the refugee who arrives in Iceland and asks for asylum there.

"Why do you need asylum?" he is asked by the Immigration people.
"Because", he replies, "anyone who actually wants to live in Iceland must be a lunatic".

It's not really as bad as that. But it has never been an easy country to inhabit. Indeed, about 70 per cent of it is literally uninhabitable the great central plateau of ice-caps and black volcanic deserts. This helps to explain why, in a country that is larger than Ireland, there are only some 230,000 inhabitants, almost half of whom live in the communication of live in the connurbation of Reykjavik, the capital, in the

So who are these 230,000. Icelanders? Well, they certainly are not Eskimos living ih igloos. Their standard of living is extremely high. They are of Nordic stock, part of Scandinavia culturally if not geographically. Their language is the basic Norse tongue that was spoken throughout Scandina-via during the Viking Age.

south west.

But whereas Norwegian and Swedish and Danish have changed considerably down the centuries, the language of Iceland has remained relatively pure, so that Ice-landers can read the medieval sagas as easily as English-speaking peoples can read Shakespeare. And Icelanders do a great deal of reading— and writing. They buy more books per head of population than any other nation in the world and our of our pro-fusion of poers, playwrights, and novelists, they have produced a Nobel prizewin-ner in Halldor Laxness.

Historically, Iceland was first discovered and settled, chiefly from south western Norway, in the second half of the ninth century AD, which makes it the youngest country in Europe. It was totally uninhibited then, and always had been, apart from a few lrish hermit-monks who had found their way there a few years earlier in their frail eather-built currachs.

It was one of the first of those Viking discoverers who bestowed on the country its somewhat misleading name. He was a Norwegian Viking called Floki. He had heard rumours of this remote country just below the Arctic Circle, and determined to settle there with his family and friends. Off he set, and arrived in time to enjoy a glorious summer of sun-shine, and abundance. Alasi nuclear weapons in Iceland, and expressed his pleasure at this.

Denis Taylor

The winter that there was late and the spring was late, and cold. All the livestock died. Floki decided to abandon the place; as he

Arctic still choking northern fjords, and felt disgruntled enough to label (and libel) the country with the name it has had ever since: Iceland.

Formally, the climate is described by meteorologists as "cold-tempered oceanic", or "temperate sub-boreal", rather than "Arctic". This is because the south and west coasts are warmed by a branch of the Gulf Stream, while the prevailing south westerly winds bring moist, warm air that tends to make the weather comparatively mild and rainy. In the north, where the coast almost reaches the Arctic circle, polar winds, and sea-currents make for a much colder,

make for a much colder, drier climate.

It tends to make travel hazardous in winter. But to my mind the most difficult thing to cope with is not the cold, but the lack of daylight. From the middle of November to the end of January, it doesn't get light until 10 doesn't get light until 10 o'clock in the morning, and it gets dark again by three o'clock in the afternoon. And that can become very demo-

At the other end of the extreme, there's the midnight sun at midsummer, when the sun slides along the northern horizon and there is no darkness at night. It tends to make the Icelanders some-what dour and torpid in the winter, when they go into a kind of spiritual semi-hibernation, and by contrast, full of almost manic activity in the summer months, when ne ever seems to sleep at

In general, the Icelanders, like all northerners tend to be reserved, and undemon-strative at first meeting. But this, too, is as misleading as the name. As soon as they thaw out, they show them-selves to be exceptionally warm and hospitable, passionately interested in the outside world.

It is contrasts and paradox-es of behaviour that one notices, just as the contrast between the ice caps and the fiery volcanoes of the in-terior is so marked. They are kindly people, but when it comes to politics (especially politics) they can be murderously unkind to each other. They love, almost revere, the herds of ponies that roam almost wild in the valleys, but have little compunction about eating them as well. They are of peasant stock but feel (and behave) like princes. They are cosmopolitans rooted in provincialism. They are fiercely patriotic, and belligerently pacifist. They resolutely refuse to have any armed forces, yet they took on the British Navy in three cod wars and won. They, revel in their past, the golden age of the saga tales of Viking heroes, but are totally committed to a very fashionable present. They are ardent republicans who adore Roy-

a love of peace

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Norway, as well as Britain, have all had female Prime Ministers. But President Vigdis Finnbogadottir of Iceland, who begins an official visit to Britain today is the first women to be is the first women to be democratically elected as

nember of a political party. "I would never be able to accept the rules", she told The Times in Reykjavikearlies this month. She disclaims any long-term ambition for the office. When it was first suggested to her in 1979 that she should run for the presidency, "I thought it was a joke. But you never know

a joke. But you never know how people see you."

A late entrant in the 1980 presidential race against three male candidates, Vigdis Finnbogadottir was taken to task by the Right for having in the past opposed the American-manned Nato base at Keflavik, outside the capital.

But her office precludes any involvement in party political issues, although the presidency itself is not pure-ly ceremonial. The president ly ceremonial. The president has a right to veto any parliamentary Bill, but this sanction can only come into effect if upheld by a referendum. Such a presidential prerogative has never been exercized since Iceland gained its independence from Denmark 38 years ago.

She described the role of president as being that of a kind of midwife to the political parties who have to Nothing can be more xiraordinary than the way which the inhabitants of the Westmann Islands, just the Westmann Islands, just off the south coast of Iceland, coped with "their" volcano when it burst into life during the night of January 22/23 1973, right on the threshhold of the fishing town on the island of Heimaey. By dawn, all the 5,000 inhabitants had been evacuated safely to the mainland — and a long, grim

political parties who have to agree on forming a government after every Icelandic general election. Not since the 1931 poll has a single party won a majority of

land — and a long, grim battle against the volcano itself had begun. President Vigdis confines herself now to saying that Remorselessly, day by day, the town was gradually engulfed by burning ashes or is a realist and is aware that creeping lava. And just as remorselessly, the squads of volunteers fought back. Week after week, they pumped countless millions of the world is divided into different camps. But she was preoccupied with the danger of people's attention drifting away fron the necessity for gallons of sea-water on the peace. "Think about it from day to day, that's the main thing", she said. crawling tongue of lava, trying to cool it sufficiently to form a barrier-crust that would deflect its course away

Where she feels no inhibitions is an arena into which British candidates for high office would hesitate to venture. To have intellectual interests is as natural in Iceland as going fishing.

harbour approaches, not the precious harbour itself— and Heiniaey was left with a splendid new breakwater! "I believe I was elected because I talked culture, culture and history", she said. "This society, as an industrialized society, is so young. All the banks and big very volcanoes that so often Heimaey today is once threatened to destroy them, again a thriving, bustling

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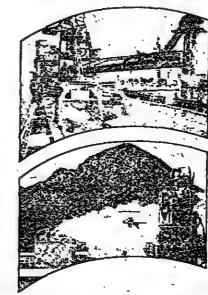
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All this, has a great deal to do with their own history. The Icelandic nation was founded as a republic, a

ship. Its Parliament, the Althing, was established in 930 AD — the oldest surviving Parliament in the world. The early Icelanders revered

the concept of law, yet lawlessness and disorder was rife. They lost their indepen-dence in 1262 to Norway but

continue to feel independent.
They underwent centuries of colonial oppression from Denmark. They suffered appalling privations from bad

weather, and a series of natural catastrophies, fam-

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tense cold yet when the Danes proposed to evacuate the surviving population at the end of the 18th century,

when the country was at its lowest ebb, it was indignantly

Survival. It became a way

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became, the more stubbornly the Icelanders clung to their

homeland. Love of their country was a constant theme in their poetry, pride

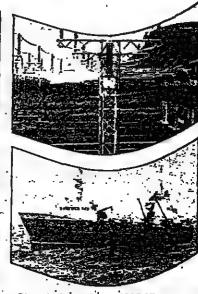
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fishing port. The people who had been evacuated have returned and rebuilt their town. The radiant heat from the lava is being used to boil water for a central heating system for every new house. it was the first time in history that man had fought a volcano and won. Heimaey is both symbol

and symptom of the resilience that kept Iceland alive during the difficult centuries. That very act of survival has made the Icelanders more intensely aware of their courters than one than the control of their courters than the control of the control of their courters than the control of their country than any-thing else could. It forged the patriotism that informed the independence moveme that was crowned in 1944 when Iceland once again became an independent re-public, just as the spectacu-iar contrasts of Icelandic nature have helped to create the contrasts of the Icelanders' nature.

There could be another factor to be taken into account, however. Although the first settlers of Iceland were Nordic, many of them brought with them wives or concubines from Ireland, if they happened to stop off there on the way. Some scholars think there may have been as much as 40 per cent Celtic blood in that early settlement stock. Perhaps it is the Irish connexion that

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Thingvellir: the lava arena where the open-air Icelandic Parliament (the Althing) first met in 930, and where Iceland was proclaimed an independent republic in 1944. The modern Althing meets indoors in the centre of Reykjavik.

Seventy two thousand foreign visitors came to

Iceland last year. Some were on brief transatlantic

stopovers. Others took time to explore the country.

Dick Phillips describes reminders of an earlier age

Where even the wheel arrived late

Two aspects of Iceland will strike the visitor with an impact paralleled in few other countries. The first is the twin feature of geology and scenery. These are so closely related that even the most casual observer cannot pass without learning something of glaciology, volcanology, and the tangle of "ologies" that make up geomorphology.

Within a small area, duite different circumstances have produced, in very recent times, totally different land-scapes, the formation pro-cesses continuing, at far their expected rate, before our eyes today. Ice-land is God's gift to David or see for himself, the — not secret in — behind the nature of our earth and our environ-

The second aspect is less tangible, less easy to label, but every traveller notices that between the ports and the interior deserts, habitation is almost entirely in isolated farmhouses, each building standing square in its own home-field, remote from its neighbours.

In the last 80 years townships have grown up around the harbours where the old trading stations formerly stood, also in isolation, and there is a handful of inland "towns", even more recent in growth, at natural commercial and communications centres, Selfoss, by far the largest, dates from the late 1920s and 40 years ago had still fewer than 400

We can talk of up-country lceland, but very recently this was the Iceland of virtually the entire population. Each farm had to be built where there was naturally drained land, and access to extensive "out-hay" extensive "out-hay"—
uncultivated 'grass which
before the days of wire
fencing was laboriously
mown, turned by hand, and brought home on pack-horses for the winter feed on which the household's survival on its own farm depend-

Older people living today were born into this world of undrained land, unfenced fields and desperately primitive communications.

gramme is always dated from the first vehicular road bridge, which in 1891 enabled that revolutionary new vehicle, the one-axled horsedrawn cart, to reach sou-thern Iceland from the capi-tal. Before that, the government roads department's job was not so much to build roads, as to put up cairns to show where the roads would have been if they had existed at all. Many or these lines of beautifully built cairas still mark the old routes.

The oldest people may still remember their first sight of the ultra-modern — as it seemed - horse-drawn cart which in most places came and disappeared in a little over 50 years — just one aspect of the total transport revolution, pack-horse to jet sircraft, which occurred in a single lifetime, and which is itself only one of many facets of the transformation of living standards in the same

In my own valley, the last horse-drawn cart went out of use in 1960. Pack-horses, useful in more specialized circumstances, were regularly used to take out provisions for the autumn sheep gathering in the uninhabited interior up to 1967.

In the past 30 years, local museums, have been estab-lished in most counties. The custodians are proud to show how old their exhibits are, but what astonishes the

foreigner is their newness.

Many, perhaps most, of the items displayed, first adopted by a highly cultivated people for their incredibly hard subsistence economy, were still in regular use on some farms into the 1950s, and in isolated cases much later. It is difficult for us to enter into the late nineteenth and early twentieth century world where these implements, fashioned from driftwood, bone, horse-hair or lyme-grass, were the basic mat-erials of household and farming existence.
There is a strange contrast

between the tenacity of the nation over the centuries and the lack of individual innovathe lack of individual innova-tion. Not only was the wheel decidedly late, no one ever thought, for example, to build a stone arch. Jon Jonsson of Vogar, a local genius who lived by the lake of Myvatn in the 1850s and 1860s, was in time to be the

duce instrumental music; the first to learn a language other than Icelandic, Danish or Latin; and the first to decorate his living room. He was the second in his area to plant potatoes, almost 100 years after their introduction to Iceland, and was a pioneer learning joinery and building stone walls to controi his stock.

Yet his was a far from lethargic community; his diary also tells of his neighbours forming a reading society, examining the advan-tages of emigration to America, and subscribing to help farmers in another part of the country who had had to slaughter their flocks to prevent the spread of disease.

Many of the nineteenth century travellers to iceial thought their experiences remarkable enough to war-rant writing books about rant writing books about them. Some were quite notable people, such as W. J. Hooker of Kew, Sir Henry Holland, Lord Dufferin, Sabine Baring-Gould, Anthony Trollope, William Morris, Viscount Bryce, Sir Richard Burton, W. G. Collingwood and, coming to this century, W. H. Auden and Louis MacNeice.

The value of their writings varies a lot. Some wrote of nothing but their personal hardships, and many jumped to false conclusions from superficial evidence; but most are well worth reading for a glimpse into life at or just before the period that can still be remembered.

Details may be in error. But when we read of the family at Hals, 12 people living in a turf-walled room 12 feet by eight, and having only one cooking pot — and that had a hole in it — we cannot help admiring a nation that survived many generations under such conditions, to rise to one of the highest standards of living in Europe today.

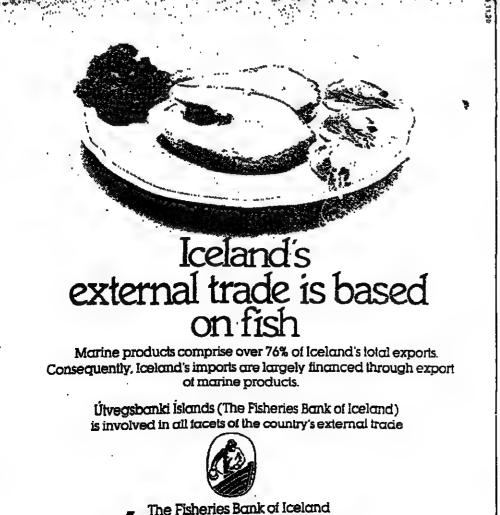
Although most of the population has chosen to give up the hard life that is inevitable for farmers in the Icelandic climate, the farms, now with more machinery and fewer people, remain in testimony of the way of life that brought Iceland through the centuries since the Settle-ment. And still, in the 1980s the discerning traveller will find traces of the old, hard conditions from which the modern prosperity has so

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institutions date from this. century. I am of the generation that has worked with these corporations, and this has required so much time that there is less time for passing on all the legends of the sagas. We don't have any castles, we have no cathedrais, but we have an art that is passed on through a tremendous lot of stories and

poetry."
President Vigdis, who is 51, speaks of herself as someone capable of bridging the generations. She was brought up with the tradition of the sagas passed on to her by her parents and grand-parents, has experienced the rise of post-war prosperity, the scattering of families and the advent of television.

She says that the young, old people, farmers, fishermen and intellectuals voted for her. In Iceland, farmers' wives had great responsi-bilities, and fishermen wereused to leaving their women in charge when they were away at sea. But she readily concedes that many women voted against her, otherwise she would have carried much more than 33.8 per cent of

This was the first time that a woman had come forward as a presidential candidate. In the Middle Ages Icelandic women had equal rights to divorce and an automatic half share of the property if a share of the property if a marriage was dissolved.

But today only three of the 60 MPs sitting in the Icelan-dic Parliament (the Althing) are women, and it is said to be difficult to persuade them to stand. The president said she thought that many she thought that many tain, France, Germany and women had a preconceived other nations who could idea that their head of state spend a year or two in one of should be a man with a wife the Scandinavian countries as

Vigdis Finnbogadottir was married early to a former schoolfriend and divorced 20 of convention, for this was one of the first cases in the

country of a child being adopted by a single person.

President Vigdis believes that Icelandic girls should concentrate on reaching the same educational standards as men. When they do, "equality will come auto-matically."

She studied in France, Denmark and Sweden as well as at the University of Iceland. The subjects covered during these years included french and English, philosophy and the history of drama. She has taught Icelanders French both in school and through television, and lectured on french drama at the universe. vision, and lectured on French drama at the university. Like many Icelanders, sity. Like many icelanders, she has done two jobs at the same time, in her case teaching and working first at the National Theatre and then at the Reykjavík Theatre, where she was the director from 1972 well 1980. director from 1972 until 1980.

For a number of years, she has been involved in Nordic cultural affairs, and in September she is to open the "Scandinavia Today" exhibition in Washington, New York and Minneapolis at the invitation of the other Nordic heads of cross heads of state.

"I always project Scandi-navia as much as possible, especially lcelandic culture. I especially Icelandic culture. I have travelled relatively often to France and Britain, and it's extremely difficult to find literature and art from the Scandinavian countries. Ibsen is always on the stage in Britain, But nothing has been translated since Ibsen and Strindheer." and Strindberg.'

"My ideal would be to have a special fund for scholar-ships for people from Bria preparation for specializing in translating literature." Her suggestion was that the costs of such a scheme could years ago. She has a young be split equally between the adopted daughter, Astridur. student's home and host This is another sign of a lack country.

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Vigdis speaking at her inauguration in Parliament on August 1, 1980 President

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The snags in netting the rich harvest from the sea

comparatively few Icelanders are fishermen. There are many more jobs in construction and manufacturing, which includes the building of small trawlers and the making of fishing equipment, clothing and furniture, and as many in farming and the service industries.

About 5,000 men at sea are backed up by another 9,000 employees in fish processing. Modernization means that even the number of fisher-men is too high. Manning on the trawlers was an element in the pay strikes by Icelan-dic fishermen in December and January.

With the extensive updating of the trawler fleet during the 1970s, the 90 vessels now operating from Icelandic ports are too many. Even the extension of territorial limits to 200 miles, after more than 20 years of skirmishing with Britain in the cod wars had not pro-vided the Icelanders with an untold harvest.

"We are approaching the maximum sustainable yield of cod stocks", Mr Steingrimur Hermannsson, the Minister for Fisheries, said in Reykjavik. In fact he thought Reykjavik. In fact he thought this could almost be said to apply to demersal species in general. "We are getting about 670,000 tonnes a year of demersal fish, including about 450,000 tonnes of cod". There can be unpredictabi-

There can be unpredictability about certain types of fish. In 1967, for example, the herring stock collapsed. Now it looks as if the capelin stock is much smaller than expected. The authorities have had to allow the 52 have which fish exclusively. boats which fish exclusively for capelin to catch some

Restrictions on cod fishing include a ban for 150 days in the year, although trawlers may bring in other varieties such as haddock. Skippers are permitted some leeway on those days. But if they bring in more than a certain percentage of cod this is percentage of cod this is liable to be confiscated by the inspectors who operate in all Icelandic harbours.

Iceland does not have fish markets like those familiar in British ports. Prices are determined through negotiations between buyers and sellers four times a year. When a catch is landed it is weighed at an official weighing station.

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America is the chief market for Icelandic exports, mainly frozen fish. All sales



to the United States were fish product, came after and sales in the United worth \$128.9m in the first primary aluminium and alu-Kingdom of Icelandic cod nine months of last year. minium alloys. Next in value and haddock are increasing. There are three Icelandic fish came fresh fish and fish on Portugal is Iceland's most

processing plants in the eastern United States. Frozen fish fillets (valued at \$27,901,000 in the same period) headed the list of exports to the United King-dom, followed in value by capelin oil (\$12,206,000).

minium alloys. Next in value came fresh fish and fish on ice (\$7,242,000).

After the intermittent tensions of the past three decades, relations between Iceland and Britain are good. The Bridsh market has been historically of the greatest importance for Icelandic fish since the fourteenth century.

mportant customer in the European Free Trade Area (Efta). Salted cod sales to the Portuguese in the first three quarters of 1981 came to \$97m. Nigerian and West Germany, as well as the Soviet Union, are other



Landing the catch at Heimaey, the community which was reborn after the great volcanic eruption of 1973



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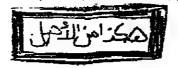
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In the country where high inflation doesn't seem to hurt

At first sight Iceland seems to defy the laws of economic gravity. For years inflation has been far above anywhere else in Europe and until now nothing terrible has hap-pened. It is almost as if is a test case to confound the monetarists. Fewer predictions now look more outdated than the present Government's goal, set when it took office two years ago of bringing the 1982 inflation rate down to a level similar to those in Iceland's main trading part-

getting it down to between 30 and 35 per cent in the calendar year 1982, a signifipattern of the previous year, In the 12 months ending April 30, 1980, the cost of living had riseu by more than 62 per cent, a national

Icelanders are not easily alarmed. They have coped with the sort of inflation levels which some British pundits in the early and mid1970s claimed automatically meant the death of democratic appropriate in any society.

racy in any society. Soaring inflation has been accompanied by almost full accompanied by almost rull employment and a steady increase in affluence. If this is still below that found elsewhere in Scandinavia, Iceland has achieved a higher gap per capita (more than \$12,000) than Britain, and good levels of health, welfare and education. Life expectand education. Life expectancy is the highest in the world. Democracy has certainly not died. The official unemployment figure runs below 0.5 per cent. The late 1970s. 1970s saw an annual net emigration of about 700, mainly to Norway, Sweden and Denmark where Iceland-ers do not require work

There should, therefore, be little surprise that Icelanders have not whole-heartedly embraced the monetarist doctrine that inflation is a bad thing, and not only a bad thing but an evil from which countless economic and social disasters are bound to flow. Politicians, bankers and

businessmen may be con-vinced that inflation must be tackled more vigorously. But apart from the lack of public panic about this issue, their room for manoeuvre is limited by two factors. There is the political unacceptability of any significant unemployment on a society of only 230,000 people, which



sharply deflationary policy. The fear is that this would either bring unemployment or reduce living standards. Against this is the public assumption that there is no overwhelming evidence that

wage indexation, which helps to perpetuate high inflation. Every three months pay levels are automatically ad-

also largely index-linked. Alongside inflation, Iceland has therefore managed to introduce an element of predictability into incomes. increases for their members

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High export prices for fish and fish products have pro-tected Iceland so far from

the harsh economic winds blowing in the outside world, but the limits of this strategy

are increasingly perceived in

main production and fish products will be the main export of Iceland. But we have to diversify", Dr Gunnar Thoroddsen, the Prime

Minister, told The Times. Increasing emphasis is being placed on Iceland's

energy resources, both as a

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on top of the basic indexation, as natural response if purchasing power is to be improved in a highly inflationary economy.

The outsider is told that

the tone of wage bargaining is much less bitter than in Britain because Iceland is far less class conscious, but clearly wage indexation does not entirely take the sting out of negotiations. Last December the fishermen went on strike to secure higher prices from the processors, and these were conceded in a government package last month.

Although attempts have been made to take steam out of the indexation mechanism, the Progressive Party, one of the three in the government coalition, believes that to bring inflation down indexa-tion should be limited to such tion should be limited to such essential items as the cost of electricity, food and clothing. The Social Democrats, who are in opposition, want to give priority to escaping from what they see as the vicious circle of wages and prices. They would protect wage earners against loss of purchasing power by lower. purchasing power by lower-

ing income tax.
Iceland's high inflation
began during the Second
World War, the period which saw the beginning of the transition from relative poverty by the standards of the rest of Western Europe to today's prosperity.

For years the inflation rate

hovered around the 10 per cent mark at a time when single digit figures were the norm elsewhere. The spiral took off in the 1970s, and inflation has been in the 40 to 60 per cent band for several

In the past couple of years, interest rates have increasingly been managed in line with inflation. Bank borrowing and lending have been restrained, and savings are rising as a proportion of gap. down the hatches", I told at the Central Bank.

with this inflation because we have kept our exports ation. The policy has been to keep the exchange rate as justed in line with the cost of stable as possible and living, thus cushioning indi-relatively small devidual workers against the ations", one banker said. effects of price rises and the National Bank ensuring more inflation in Iceland concluded in stable as possible and have

would provoke damaging high inflation has hurt effects of price rises and The National Bank of levels of emigration.

people very much.

considerable apprehension The second key factor is the pipeline. Pensions are analysis late last year after a

The power still to be tapped

the first cod war — the Russians stepped into the breach and set the pattern for a trade which developed during the next three dec-

ades. Iceland sold the Russians fish and took their oil. This dependence on Soviet sources has declined in recent years, and now amounts to 60 per cent of total energy imports. Alternative sources have included the British National Oil Corporation. But Iceland is still in the very early stages of exploiting its own

cally exploitable has so far been harnessed.

More than 70 per cent of the population live in homes heated by geothermal power, but not more than 5 per cent of known energy from this source has been tapped. Scientists at the University of Iceland are experimenting

with alternative sources of fuel, including methanol de-rived from local peat as well as ammonia produced from air and water.

But any commercial exploi-tation of such sources is

When Britain stopped taking energy resources. Only 11 clearly a long way off. For combine the production of Icelandic fish during the 1952 per cent of the hydro-electric the time being, Iceland electrical energy from geodisonte on fishing limits — potential known to be technically remains dependent for about thermal resources and house-40 per cent of its energy heating projects and/or in-consumption on imported oil dustrial use, or injecting the and petrol: used steam back into the

Large scale use of Ice-land's hydro power began little more than a decade ago. The first 215 MW station at Burfell started up in 1969. This feeds the aluminium smelter at Straumsvik. A second plant at Sigalda (150 MW) supplies the ferro-silicon project at Hvalfjordur.

The National Power Comparry of Iceland foresees limits on the use of the hydro

Eighty-five per cent of geothermal energy is wasted if it is only used to produce electricity. "It is, of course, possible in many cases to

ground, thus making full use of all the available energy".

The likely pattern of any large scale industrial developlarge scale industrial develop-ment is likely to continue that started in the 1960s, the processing of raw materials demanding a high power content. As well as alu-minium and ferro-silicon these include magnesium which can be extracted from

government to take majority shareholding such projects.

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BURFELL HYDRO

presently completing the Hrauneyjafoss Hydroelectric Project (210 MW) and new project sites are constantly being studied by the company.

Landsvirkjun has since 1969 been supplying power to the 80,000 ton aluminium smelter at Straumsvik in Iceland owned by the Icelandic Aluminium Company Ltd., a subsidiary of Alusuisse, Switzerland, and since April 1979 to the 50,000 ton ferrosilicon plant owned by Icelandic Alloys Ltd., which is 55% owned by the Government of Iceland and 45% by Elkem Spigerverket a/s Norway.

iceland has very large unused resources of economical hydroelectric power.

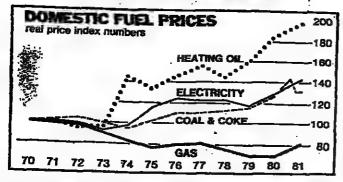
The total economically harnessable hydro power in iceland amounts to approximately 30,000 GWh per year, whereof only about 3,000 GWh or 10% have so far been utilized.

- WALLEY

power now thought technically feasible to exploit. Many of the 100 potential sites "are small and economically unat-A significant harnessing of Iceland hydropower may be circum-scribed by nationalist senti-ments. While Iceland is well EXCITING, DRAMATIC, UNCOMPROMISED tractive and many others are situated for refining raw materials and shipping them to North America or Western beset with ecological prob-lems", the company said in a **ICELAND'S HYDRO** recent study. It was now foreseen that only about 60 Europe, a substantial injec-tion of foreign capital would This year really by comett different — take a Sogal Jei beand Our Brooker reallo per cent of known hydro be necessary for significant industrial development. The implications of this for a country so conscious of its resources would ultimately be used. The company con-siders that technical and financial reasons will limit **POWER RESOURCES** THE NATIONAL POWER COMPANY heritage, and so anxious to protect the environment from the scope for developing the Landsvirkjun (The National Power Company) is a number of feasible projects during the 1980s. power development company established in 1965 poliution, have not yet been Grand Coach Tour, from: thought through. by the Republic of Iceland and the City of But in a more upbeat passage, it points out that 20 years ago geothermal power was thought to be of the same order of magnitude as that of Iceland's rivers and The Straumsvik smelter is Reykjavík. Landsvirkjun is supplying about 75% of Start your lealandic Experience today by telephoning or writing to owned by the Icelandic Aluminium Company, a subthe population in Iceland with electrical power sidiary of Swiss Aluminium. The ferro-silicon operation is besides being the main supplier of power to ICELAND-AIRTOURS Volcanic educat stall as the makest industrial development in Iceland. At the outset waterfalls. Now geothermal potential is believed to be owned 55 per cent by the Dept 155, 11, Royal Exchange Square, Glasgow G1 3AJ Telephone, 02934 73021 Government and 45 per cent Landsvirkjun took over the Hydro Power Stations at by Elkem Spigerverket, of many times greater. The drawback is that it is an Sog (89 MW) and completed in 1972 the Burfell Norway. There will obviously be constraints on the con-tinuing ability of an Icelandic mefficient resource from which to generate electricity. Hydro Power Station (210 MW), in 1978 the Sigalda Hydro Power Station (150 MW), and is

BUSINESS NEWS

Gas tariffs double



The 23 per cent increase in domestic gas bills that British Gas is set to introduce from April means that gas tariffs will have nearly doubled in the last three years. But in real terms the new charges will not even bring gas prices back to the levels they were in 1970, according to Energy Department figures. Domestic gas consumers have fared much better than households that use other fuels. Heating oil has roughly doubled in real tarms in the last decade. terms in the last decade.

N Sea bid details soon

Details of the bid approach for the small North Sea investment company CCP North Sea Associates are expected to be disclosed early next week. The company, in which Cluff Oil has a 30 per cent stake and which holds a 6 per cent net production interest in the North Can Bushan field was contained at just under \$12m at Sea Buchan field, was capitalized at just under £12m at yesterday's suspension price of 145p. The approach has been made by a British company, with market speculation focusing on companies such as Charterhouse and Lasmo.

Guernsey bank cash probe

A possible \$13m (£7.1m) fraud at First National Bank of A possible \$15m (£7.1m) fraud at first National Bank of Chicago's Guernsey subsidiary is being investigated by a federal grand jury in Chicago. First National confirmed that it is looking into alleged irregularities surrounding a loan to a customer, made by its Guernsey subsidiary. It said appropriate action over the loan had been taken in 1981, which was reflected in the bank's fourth

Portfolio Services Onshore drilling to pay debts

Investors and creditors in Personal Portfolio Services will be repaid in full after the group's provisional liqui-dation, it was decided yester-day. This followed a meeting between the directors of the PPS, a Yorkshire-based group headed by Mr Andrew MacHutchinson, a former Slater Walker associate, and accountants Arthur Ander-

to be managing funds total-ling £1.75m.

The Government yesterday swarded four onshore oil production licences covering some 880 square kilometres of Surrey, West Sussex and Hampshire, and stretching from Farnham to Henfield in Sussex. Conoco was unable to say how many wells it hopes to drill on the land.

Vosper Hovermarine, the British company, has signed a £3m contract to build four passenger craft for Singapore.

sccountants Arthur Anderson. The group was one third owned by Mr George Barlow, try has written to 1500 a partner of the Manchester stockbrokers Illingworth Henriques, and was believed to be managing funds totaltelecommunications equip-

British Aerospace at 178p.
Scotrocs tell 5p to 100p after
Mr Walter Alexander, cheirman,
sold 18 per cent of his shares to
various insitutions at 98p. He now

holds around 3 per cent through

his own company, Watter Ale-

Television South West made an uninspired debut at 14p after

replacing Westward Television as the West Country's independent

station. Trident TV was steady at 87%p after the closure if its Playboy casino in Mayfair on

W. H. Smith slipped 1p to

168p amid speculation it was

about to sell its ailing DIY interest for around £20m with J.

Sainsbury being tipped as a strong contender. Smith seid there was no truth in the rumours.

The announcement on the tuture of Euroffame, expected today, has been postponed wide Tring Hall Securities continues to

make efforts to rescue the

company launched last year. The shares were suspended at 8p on Monday.

The Irish mining group Tara Exploration leapt 60p to 450p

celebrating the end of its seven-

OTHER EXCHANGES

Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jone Average 7,693.92 down 0.26

Hongkong: Hang Seng Index

CURRENCIES

The dollar ended the day lower on balance after profit-taking in unsettled trading. The pound also

LONDON CLOSE

\$ 1.8315 down 65 points

index 113.4 unchanged

\$ 375.50 unchanged

DM 2.3935 down 22 points

MONEY MARKETS

The Bank bought £179m of

bills in response to a forecast

shortage of 2150m. Its dealing

3-month interbank 14%-14%

Euro-currency rates: 3 month dollar 16%-16%

3 month DM 10%-10%

3 month Fr.F. 151/4-15.

Domestic rates:

Base rates 14%

Index 91.6 down 0.1

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MARKET SUMMARY

US rate rise hits shares

LONDON EXCHANGE

FT Index 557.2 down 6.9 FT Gilts 64.83 up 0.04 FT All Share 323.20 down 2.18 Bargain 18,549

A hesitant start to business changed to a mood of downright depression yesterday as Wali Street touched a two — year low after disappointing money supply

Reports that Mr Paul Volcker,

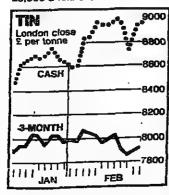
thairman of the Federal, Reserve 'oard, had forecast no upturn in e recession until the United ates budgel deficit was under ntrol were tollowed by news t two banks had raised prime by ½ per cent to 17 per cent. liks took the news well, with is closing £% off and shorts hanged in thin trade. Equities

vever, failed to conceal their appointment with nervous iters leaeding the FT Index 6.9 num at the close at 557.2. Investors in Reynolds Diversirestors in Remotes buters inded, the Nevada — based exploration group whose shares were suspended by the Stock Exchange on Friday at 2p, will still be able to deal. Licensed dealer Harvard Securities is

continuing to made a price in the stock at 1 %p until Reynolds are The Council suspended the shares after discovering Reynolds does not have a United States quote as required under rule 163(1)(g). The board of Revnolds

COMMODITIES

 The afternoon tin market maintained the higher levels against a background of technical lightness with further cash buying meeting with treer offerings which restrained any advance above the £8,960-a-tonne level.



TODAY

Confederation of British Industry council meeting, Average earnings (December) and basic wage rates (Janua-

hartered Building Societies Institute debates motion "that building societies have

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failed". Company results: Half-yearly United Real Property Trust; Finals - Birmid Qualcast, Foreign and Colonial Investments, Gillett Bros, John London Lomond Investment.

Retail and industrial sales slide

in the chemicals and other industrial sectors catalogue showroom chain, are reporting a substantial said yesterday that after two slide in sales over the past successful January sales few weeks. This comes after weeks, trade collapsed until December's decline in manu-Argos's new season catalogue showroom chain, and of BAT's Argos discount and of BAT's A

getting worse in a number of key sectors.

Performance in chemicals so far this year has been at best similar to last year, at worst, declining ICI said that while December had been a bad month, exacerbated by low at least until the Budget the long Christmas lay-off, and price increases such as January had also been poor,

remained low.

A combination of the recession and bad weather is responsible for the downswing in the motor industry according to the latest Society of Motor Manufac-turing Trades figures which indicate sales of new cars were down 16 per cent in January.
Mr Con Justice, director of the motor trade division of

incorporates Bristol Street sum stocks.

Motors however claims a 12
per cent upturn in sales of industry remained gloomy, new cars so far this year with one or two small compared with 1981. Inproducers reporting a decreased sales have been cline.

But the British Steel Corthe past three or four weeks, poration said that there was while the first fortnight of new year was hit hard by the market which is likely to

man of BAT's Argos discount catalogue showroom chain, Argos's new season catalogue gave a lift to sales last week. "Until the new catafacturing output to its lowest point for 14 years:

Far from supporting ministerial claims of an economic less money than the same upturn, it suggests that time last year even though trading conditions may be since then we have increased since then we have increased our square footage through new store openings by 16 per cent," he said. The sales downturns had been across the board in consumer dur

Demand is likely to remain low at least until the Budget those on gas and electricity will reduce consumer's dis-posable income further. Rumbelows, whose 400 out-January had also been poor, those on gas and electricity although the bad weather would certainly have depressed demand.

Overall 1982 had started disappointingly, although february's figures would be expected to show some recovery.

The Chemical Industries Association reported "evidence of a very strong downturn" in December, and other chemical companies said output and damand remained low.

per cent increase in sales the first week of this month, slightly below the target figure. The same pattern appears to have continued since then.

Il Creda, the consumer durables subsidiary of Tube Investments, reported disappointing lanuary sales.

pointing January sales. Electrolux of Luton re-

ported a poor start to January with some improve-ment later in the month. But Orders are still hard to come BSG International which by as retailers operate on incorporates Bristol Street slim stocks.

the new year was hit hard by the market which is likely to poor weather and the after- be refelcted in lower pro-effects of Christmas.

Wall Street wary as bank lifts prime rate

From Bailey Morris, Washington, Feb 16

is now hurriedly arranging an OTC quote in New York which should be completed within ton Dowty slipped 2p to 116p after rates today as stocks opened bowly stipped 2p to 1 rop and uching with brokers Pannure Gordon on Monday. Rumour has it the aerospace side may be performing a little below par. It was still enough to wipe 8p off. sharply lower and remained low in brisk morning trading. The move by a small United States bank to raise

business customers — from He said Wall Street would 16½ to 17 per cent is widely be anxiously watching the expected to be followed by market's close today to see if other leading banks. This stocks fall below the low follows the big unexpected surge in the US money supply reported on Friday.

There is a firm conviction on Wall Street that the occur, and the market closes Federal Reserve Board will above. Friday's final of

Federal Reserve Board will above. Friday's final of move quickly to tighten 827.77, then analysts say the credit in the wake of the new market will have undergone money supply figures, thus what is known on the Street creating a new, upward spiral as a "key reversal". in US interest rates.

The money supply as measured by the Federal Reserve's M-1 figure, reflecting currency in circulation and deposits in checking accounts, grew at the unex-pectedly fast rate of 20.7 per

cent last month.
This is well above the Federal Reserve's target rate and inconsistent with the goal of a continued tight money policy to control inflation, announced by Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the Central's Bank.

In the first 30 minutes of trading, stock prices, as measured by the Dow Jones Average of 30 industrials, plummeted 13.13 points to 320.68 and remained low in

morning trading.

Another development "unsettling" Well Street is the
fact that in recent weeks both individuals and insti-tutions have been selling off "winners" — their best

Wall Street exhibited its money-making stocks — strong fear of another climb reflecting what analysts fear in United States interests to be a big, unexpected need for cash. "People are selling off

winners at a time when they really should not be selling them, indicating they may its prime lending rate — the need cash to offset losses rate charged to the best elsewhere," one broker said. business customers — from He said Wall Street would

An uneasy calm pervaded world currency markets yes terday as traders awaited some firm indication of American interest rate developments. (Frances Williams

But the news that a subsidiary of an Israeli bank had raised its prime rate to 17 per cent had little impact. dollar rose to more than DM 2.40 at one stage, but profit-taking left it 22 points down at DM 2.3935 by

the close of London trading.

Though high American interest rates are expected to underpin the dollar for some time, other factors, such as recession and a worsening balance of payments, are working to depress the working to currency.

The markets are also nervous that European cen-tral banks may decide to intervene on a substantial scale if the dollar continues its recent advances.



Mr Robert Holmes a'Court speaking at a meeting of ACC shareholders in London yesterday, with Mr Tony Lucas,

A'Court firm on shares transfer

The Australian financier, Mr Robert Holmes a Court hinted yesterday that he could think of no commercial circumstances in which he would release directors of

Although he has said in a High Court affidavit that he would be prepared to release the promises to accept his £36m takeover bid if it were the proper commercial course to take, he said that to lift release the directors he would have to turn the clock back to January 13, when his Bell Group made its offer.

That would mean him being dismissed as chairman and chief executive of ACC and that the financial support given to ACC by the Bell would release directors of group — it has guaranteed Associated Communications Corporation from their promise to transfer their shares to him and give him control of Lord Grade's former company.

Although he has said in a

He said no directors had asked to be released from their irrevocable undertak-ings given to Mr Holmes a'Court at the first offer and all but one had signed a letter last week confirming their support for him in order to douse rumours that they

Meanwhile, in the Appeal Court, Mr Holmes a Court's rival, Mr Gerald Ronson was seeking an order to freeze any transfers of shares from ACC directors to Mr Holmes a'Court.

The hearing of Heron Group's appeal was ad-journed yesterday after one of the appeal judges had described the position as "absolutely dotty".

Lord Justice Brightman, sitting with Lord Justice offered 66p for shares worth Lawton and Lord Justice Templeman, said that from the "practical, ordinary commercial City" point of view it would be quite wrong for a company which must be worth more than £36m to be sold for that amount.

Lord Justice Templeman said that if Mr Holmes a Court, and the other direct-ors "insisted" the matter ors "insisted" the matter would have to be aired in

court. The directors were now putting forward a "pig in a poke" and the court did not even know what the offers

If the ACC directors were not committed to the Bell offer, as soon as they realised that somebody had

bound by their undertaking they should not accept the Bell offer.



Cut price cargo shipper Mr

Frank Narby, above, whose reputation has been built up

over the last decade by undercutting the more estab-

lished cargo carriers, is selling half of his North

Atlantic operation for \$100m.
Mr Narby's company, the
Cast shipping group, has run
into cash problems in the
middle of an expansion
programme which is expected
to got the group were then

to cost the group more than

The decision to sell comes less than a week after the

company attempted to res-chedule about \$50m pay-ments on nine new ships to

be completed within the next

oilfield 'worth £450m' By Jonathan Davis, Energy Correspondent British Gas believes that its has an option to match any open cent share of the other bid, is regarded within

British Gas share of

50 per cent share of the Wytch Parm oil field in Dorset - which the Government has ordered it to sell—is worth £450 million. It also claims that proven

reserves on the Wytch Farm licence amount to 221 million

serves on other so serves on other so far undrilled stuctures near the field are addded its total reserves could be as high as 349 million barrels - equivalent to a medium-sized North Sea field. The figures were disclosed

yesterday with the publi-cation of a report from the House of Commons Select Committee on Energy on the enforced sale of Wytch Farm. British Gas gave the figures to the committee as a main reason for its rooted oppo-sition to the disposal, which was ordered last summer by Mr David Howell, who was was ordered last summer by nine other prospects that Mr David Howell, who was then Secretary of State for tial oil accumulations in the Energy.

Several oil companies have Narby has put half of his North American operation on the market 15 months after purchasing a secondhand fleet for \$165m. expressed an interest in buying Wytch Farm. British Petroleum, which owns the other half of the field and

the Energy Department, as

favourite to win the auction.
They all say that £450 million is far too high an estimate of the field's estimate. They claim that the field is worth no more than \$100 million to more than \$100 million to more than \$100 million to the field is worth no million to t barels, more than double the last official figure of 100 million barrels.

By the time possible re
Leong, British Gas, whose chair-

man Sir Denis Rooke has vigorously opposed the sale, says that the Wytch Farm field itself has proven reserves of about 175 million barrels of oil, 10 times the 18 million barrel figure that was applied to the field when it was first discovered nine years ago.

Other proven oil accumulations at Arne, Stoborough and Wareham add another 46 million barrels of oil. The corporation told the committee that there are at least part of Dorset covered by the Wytch Farm licence. It is British Gas share in

the licence — not the Wytch Farm field itself — which it has been ordered to sell.

Indonesian doubts on

tin cartel By Michael Prest

Malaysian officials arrive in Jakarta, Indonesia, today amid reports that the Indonesians are having doubts about setting up a tin producer's marketing organization. A tin producers' body which would bypass the existing Inter-national Tin Agreement is needed to sustain prices at

Datuk Paul Leong, the Malaysian primary industries minister, who is due in Jakarta today, said yesterday that Malaysia still wants the ITA as a forum for cooperation between 'tin producers and consumers.

But he also said that present tin prices are too low and that many of Malaysia's small gravel pump operators

are losing money.

Cash tin closed in London last night at £8,960 a tonne, where the premium over three months metal is £1,063 a tonne. The widening gap between the two prices illustrates the tenseness of the market as those who went short three months ago try to cover their positions. But Indonesian officials are less enthusiastic about

the plan for a producer

organization.

UK hopes on satellite

£250m contract to build the next generation of worldwide telecommunications satel-lites. British Aerospace should get up to £50m worth

awarded the contract. That is expected to happen at the end of March.

BAe seems confident that a company with the immense negotiating experience of Hughes will not let the

Members of the Hughes consortium have not yet decided on the final share-out of Intelsat VI work.

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

An international consortium, led by Hughes Aircraft and including British Aerospace, is on the brink of winning a

of the business.
The 106-country inter-national Telecommunications

Satellite Organisation (Intel-sat) has decided to negotiate with Hughes rather than the rival consortium led by Ford Aerospace, for the Intelsat VI series of satellites. Hughes still has to satisfy

Intelsat about the financial and technical details of its proposal before it is formally

contract slip out of its hands. The decision is an unexpec-ted blow for Ford, which is building the current series of 15 Intelsat V and VA satel-

However, BAe's satellite factories at Stevenage and Bristol are expected to manu-facture the dishes

Management of UK economy has been 'terrible'

Friedman attacks Thatcher policies

Professor Milton Friedman, the Chicago economist and leading proponent of the monetarist policies adopted on both sides of the Atlantic. auopies on both sides of the Atlantic, now says that the performance of the British economy under Mrs Thatcher's Government has been "terrible". He blames ministers for much of the rise

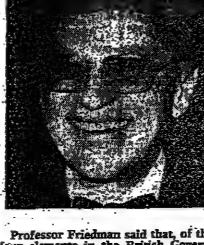
blames ministers for much of the rise in unemployment.

Speaking in a BBC television interview last night, Professor Friedman also emphatically denied that the policies of President Reagan were responsible for high interest rates in Britain. responsible for migh interest rates in Britain. your high interest rates are a product of British policy and not of American policy, he insisted. That would not be true if curencies had a fixed exchange rate

against each other.

But in a world where exchange rates are allowed to float, it is possible for any country to have the level of interest rates that it chooses, regard-less of what happens in the United States. The interview with President Friedman was recorded in the United States and broadcast in the programme "American Attitudes".

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Professor Friedman said that, of the four elements in the British Government's economic policy, it had accomplished only one.

It had not got taxes and state

spending down nor significantly reduced the Government involvement in the economy. However, the rate of growth in the money supply had been brought down and, as a result, inflation is lower today, in Britain, than it was shortly after Mrs Thatcher hereage Prime Ministers. became Prime Minister.

Professor Friedman described the economy here as "desperately sick". "I don't see how you can use any other term for that." But he saw some hope.

What the country had now, that it did not have five years ago, was at least one coherent group with a well-de-signed, well-articulated programme for getting Britain out of its mess. Although not specifying who they were, Professor Friedman appeared to mean the hawks within the Government. However, so far, it had not proved possible to carry this programme out, he said.

The situation was "very far from bleak". He said that the sort of process through which the private sector had gone in the last couple of years had been healthy, though too costly, much more costly than it need have been.

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The best meetings take place

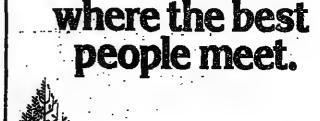
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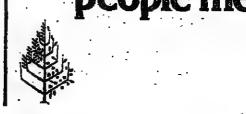
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Beware insurance risks and a Budget brake on cash

In the long term, just buy and bide

The composite insurance sector is very near its all-time low against the all-share index. Why nevertheless (Drew Johnston writes) are most of the composite insurers showing share price increases?

The reason is that some investors feel the nadir has been reached, but the share price recoveries are prompted by a variety of reasons

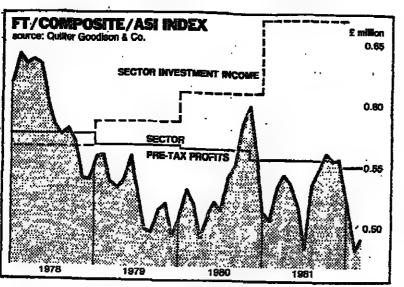
Rumours of a fresh bid for Eagle Star, from Allianz Versicherungs and the promise of a 43 per cent increase in the dividend have pushed its price up. Increased dividends are expected at General Accident and Sun Alliance.

Other investors, looking for a

long-term improvement, are pre-pared to buy and bide their time until the expected profits recovery gets under way in 1983-84. Inproved performance is expected at Commercial Union and Royal Insurance when the United States insurance market becomes fir-

The question is whether the has really reached its sector lowest point.

Floods, burst pipes and motor demage caused by the severe winter all played a part in



depressing the market's short-term profit expectation. But the s problems are more deeprooted. Continuing high interest rates in the United States have persuaded the market that no real recovery in profits will take place for a couple of years. In both the United Kingdom and the United States, the insurance market is highly competitive, and few expect premium rates to be raised until American interest rates fall

significantly. The outlook for 1982 is poor. Most analysts expect the sector to under-perform the market. Competition in several assurance accounts, including motor, fire

and general liability, will act as brake on increased profits. Commercial Union, which has a highly vulnerable United States operation, reports its 1981 figures next week, Pretax profit is forecast to be about £75m com-pared with £103m last year.

Dividend yield is forecast at 12 per cent, with a price earnings ratio of 10.5 or so.

General Accident's record for good management and long term growth is also threatened in the next couple of years. The problem is low growth in premium income and a squeeze on income from underwriting in the United States and the United Kingdom.

Premium growth has also fallen off at Phoenix Assurance and this is expected to have an impact on this year's performance. It also suffers from high exposure to motor household contents policy in the aftermath of the winter's

Recovery in the Canadian and Australian markets is expected to help royal insurance profits, but the market view holds that the United Kingdom performance has further rises. been unexciting.

Strongest figures in the sector over the next 18 man, are expected to come from Crardian Royal Exchange. Premium income growth should be higher than the rest of the sector at about 9 per

Eagle Star is forecast to make increased profits in both 1981 and 1982, despite a slowdown in premium income growth. Much of its business is conducted longterm, which will provide a revenue buffer, Cash flow is expected to fall unless premium income

growth revives.
A slowdown is also expected at Sun Alliance, which also faces big payments of claims arising from the adverse weather.

The ideas of March

It could be "Sell in March and go away" this spring, to parody the stock market adage. London has seen a good start to the year's trading, but many of the big

deteriorate with the Budget on March 9 (Sally White writes). Several thousand million

pounds were waiting to go into gilts and equities in January once the miners' ballot came out against a strike. The question being asked now by the big institutional brokers is how much money there will be from March on to boost the market into

Anecdotai evidence would seem to indicate that while there is still some institutional liquidity around, much of the institutions' cash flow could be held for rights issues, government sales such as BNOC and for gilt sales.

Once all the backlog of com-pany tax has flowed in, then the Government is more likely to be back to the gilt market for funds. Those heavy tax payments helped to give sterling an upward push as companies repatriated money in-tended for the Inland Revenue.

Also helping the London mar-kets has been the fall in interest. rates. At present Europe is able to break the long-standing tie with United States interest rates. However, if the upward pressure on American interest rates continues at the present pace, Britain may be forced to follow suit or at least be prevented from making further cuts.

The Budget itself could turn out to be a disappointment. There is often an about-turn in market sentiment once the sums have been done,. Industrial activity could already be faltering.

WALL STREET

After dropping nearly 13 points in the morning, the Dow-Jones Industrial average ended 2.47 down at 831.34. Declines led

All these questions are enough to cause the market to be cautious about prospects from the Budget onwards.

The cruel North Lea

Oil production companies will go on falling in price until Aramco and others stop unloading oil on the spot market (Sally White writes). That is a view of the sector that is giving little comfort to holders of such as Tricentrol, Lasmo, and Charterhall in the North Sea. Unless the oil cartel organized by Opec is even more efficient than usual, the oil surplus could be around until next

Others suffering because they have North Sea production are Cluff, Clyde, Daily Mail and General Trust, International Thomson and Charterhouse.

Thomson and Charterhouse.

Shell, so the story goes, could benefit from lower crude revenue, giving it better margins on products where it can control the price on which it pays only corporation tax rather than the punitive petroleum revenue.

A rumour helping the United States oil companies is that the povernment there could bring in

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Analysts attributed the raily to short-covering, and noted that setting abated after the market sold off sharply in the first hour.

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profit for the year was A\$28.43m (£16.43m) against A\$75.19m in

Toshiba Corporation of Japan said that sales in the third-quarter (October-December) of 1981 rose

13.2 per cent to Y406,220m (£904.72m) from Y358,720m a

year earlier. Exports rose 90 per cent to Y150,300m.

impala Platinum robustys or South Africa declared an interim dividend of 25 cents (35 cents) and profil after lax and lease consideration of R51,240,000 (£25,492,537) against R63,561,000.

BIDS AND DEALS

cent minority interest in Anglo American Relail Corporation, its

turn has a 32 per cent holding

Natco Industries, a United State public company and an option to

acquire a further 21 per Natco until October 1983.

Platinum holdings o

Hutton, said there was no follow-through selling after the initial

Lincoln's Birthday holiday.

government there could bring in an import tax if Opec producers dump oil in the United States. This would mean at prices in the low thirty dollars a barrel to the upper twenties.

INTERNATIONAL

W GERMANY

West German companies will invest less this year than in 1981 despite the offer of investment incentives under government's job creation programme.

Herr Franz Schoser, executive secretary of the indus-trial and trade association (DIHT), told a press conference that a survey of 14,000 firms showed they were cutting investment because of lower profits and poor prospects earnings.

The government is offering a 10 per cent investment grant to companies which invest this year in new plant or buildings, provided they spend more than their average investment in the past three years.

UNITED STATES A

Firestone is to sell his Nashville, Tennessee, heavy-duty radial truck tyre plant to Bridgestone of Japan for O General Motors is to close

two California car assembly plants indefinitely and to scrap the second shift awits. light-duty utility truck plani in Pontiac, Michigan. widened to 49 million shares from 37.7 million on Friday, the

Fiat and the American company Tecumseh Products are to produce and sell in Europe small engines for agricultural and other uses, the Italian car makers announced. The Turin venture is called Technamotor, and it will make use of facilities at Aspera, a Fiat small motors subsidiary.

FRANCE

The January jobless total in France was a seasonally adjusted 1,922,500, up 1.1 per cent on December. The new level represents about 8.3 per cent of the work force and is over 20 per cent higher than in January last year.

JAPAN

Japan says it will retaliate against the EEC if Brussels lodge's a formal complaint against Tokyo over trade.

CAPITAL MARKETS

The EEC is raising DM200m through a 12-year Eurobond, lead managed by Deutsche Bank. The issue carries a 9% per cent coupon with pricing at 99 per cent

to yield 9.91 per cent.
It is the fourth issue in the new
mark Eurobond calendar set 10
days ago totalling DM2,350m for
two months until mid April. First price indications this morning were less 1 %, less %.

Dart & Kraft Finance Intends to make a cublic offer in Kuwait next of \$25m sinking fund bonds

The bonds will have an interes rate of between 11.75 per cent priced on February 26.

Proceeds will be used to reduce short-term debt and for other corporate purposes. The Issue is being underwritten by a group led by international investment, private investment-banking con

by Dart & Kraft. A five-year, DM100m placement for the Oesterreich 99.5 per cent with a 9.87 per cer coupon bringing a yield of 10.125

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DALGETY

Profits up after fight for Spillers

Mr David Donne, chairman of Dalgety, yesterday de-livered what the stock market had recently come to expect—record pretax profits of £19.6m for the six months to last December, an increase of £3.4m on 1980's half year

tresults. But the dividend is the same again, 15.7p gross.

Two years ago Dalgety won a bitterly fought battle for control of Spillers, and 12 months ago the City still had reservations, about Dalgety's reservations about Daigety's ability to turn the company round. But yesterday Mr Donne finally laid these fears

The group is now tho-roughly integrated, and pro-lits on four out of five fronts

have moved ahead.
The exception is food, where an unprecedented slump in sales of meat, compounded by Irish farmers dumping surpluses on the British market, has brought the worst trading conditions many in the business can

The problem is that the British housewife can no longer afford to buy meat," said Mr John Hart, finance director.

But some of the problem areas of 12 months ago now look conspicuously better. Malting, which was sorely hit by the drop in beer sales and hig cuts in whisky stocks, has been put back on its feet by a major drive into export

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profits.
Pet foods is profitable, too, though the group faces tough competition from Mars, which is combating the recession by advertising heavily to maintain sales at the expense of the competition. Profits from food processing and distribution rose from £8m to £11m.

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Mr David Donne, chairman

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That leaves the part for which Spillers, at least, is perhaps best known milling, flour and cereal processing. Here growth was more modest, rising by £1.5 million to £11.7 million at the present

Mr Donne remains optomistic for the division how-ever. The return on capital is good, it justifies further investment, and though the growth rates will not be exciting, "Every company needs some good solid busi-nesses." he said.

The question now is where The question now is where the group goes from here, and the answer, says Mr Donne, is to find a suitable acquisition in the United States, one "somewhere between the farm gate ans the supermarket", with distribution an obsigue canditribution an obvious candidate. The group has been quietly looking for some months now, and has no obvious targets in mind.

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HOWARD MACHINERY

Back in the black Stocks rallied in the last two Stocks railled in the last two hours of trading, but still finished lower on the day because of continuing concern over the outlook on interest rates.

Howard Machinery, the Berkshire based farm equip-ment group, was back in the black in the year to October with pre-tax profits of £78,000 against the previous year's loss of £5.2m. Turn-over rose from £43.3m to £44.1m, but as in the previous

year, the directors are not recommending any dividend. The group has had con-siderable success with the Paraplow, a revolutionary farm implement to loosen soil which has won a number planned to manufacture 70 in the past year but eventually sold 250; with a number of

further orders.

Two other successful products launched this year have been a tractor-drawn grain harvester produced by the group's French subsidiary and a new grape press from its German offshoot.

There has been speculation that the American group Diamond Industries, would add to its 17 per cent stake in Howard. But an option which Diamond had held over a further 7 per cent of the shares has now expired.

JOSEPH WEBB

Midlands gloom

Midlands based Joseph
Webb, the holidays and
property group, report a slump in profits to £157,700 pre tax in the half year to September against £159,200, on turnover up from £2.43m to £2.61m. Its hoilidays and eisure division declined from £361,300 to £327,000, but property income rose from £68,900 to £70,500 with the

prospect of improvement. But with no land sales during the period or likely during the second half, the directors expect pre-tax proending March 31 to be down on last year's £561,000.

PARKFIELD

Major setback

The continuing effect of the recession on metal-based industrial companies has caused a significant setback at Parkfield Foundries of

Stockton-on-Tees, for the half year to October.

Profits fell from £111,000 to £14,750, and earnings per share dropped to 0.36p share dropped to 0.36p against 1.93p. Sales moved ahead slightly to 52.39m against 52.25m, but

redundancy costs of £22,000 led to an attributable loss of Despite this, £10,500 being paid in dividends.

cents (18),

and rising operating costs.



INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES

Alcan Aluminium of Canada 70 per cent owned unit of Alcan Australia, earned net profit of A\$7.34m (\$4.242m) in 1981 against A\$18.73m in 1980, Alcan Australia chairman John Clarkson said the 61 per cent drop was the first reversal in five years. Alcan Australia declared a final dividend of five cents (11 cents previously) making the annual dividend 12

Australian əluminium maker Comalco reported 62 per cent drop in 1981 earnings, reflecting falling world demand for the metal

COMMODITIES



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Profit before Taxation	52.3	66.0
Profit after Tax and minority interest	44.2	47.7
Dividend per share	6.0p	6.0p
Dividend cover	2.0 times	2.6 times

Trading profits before depreciation ahead of last year-despite one of the most difficult and challenging years.

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petroleum market". Yet these were the exact words

used yesterday by Opec's president Mana al-Oteiba, oil minister of the normally moderate United Arab Emi-

rates: and it is not hard to see why it is the oil producers' turn to start worry-ing about what is happening

to world prices.
The truth is that Opec is on

States, Britain and Norway have all been cut in the last

market pressures.
On Oper's side, Iran has already broken ranks by cutting its official prices twice in a week and three times so far this year. Other

Opec members such as Algeria and Nigeria are offering hidden discounts, barter

hidden discounts, barter deals or improved credit

terms in a desperate effort to sell their oil and avoid breaching the official price structure — based on a \$34 a barrel benchmark — which

Opec so precariously achieved last autumn.

The "crisis" for Opec is that its ability to defend prices — as opposed to its ability to force them up when

there is a world shortage —

is now being put to the test. All the evidence from the

PEOPLE

Renold - Sir **Campbell** tries again

Renold, the gear and chain people of Wythenshawe, has like others fallen into loss-making, streamlining and redundancies. It has also chosen this moment to change pilots, and it has daringly chosen one who has already been shot down.

been shot down.
Out as (non-executive) chairman in July will go long serving Mr leslie Tolley at the fairly ripe age of 69, and in will come Sir Campbell Adamson, 10 years his junior, and still living down caustic remarks he made about the Heath Government and the old Industrial Relations Act during the miners' strike of 1974.

Poor Sir Campbell was credited, almost certainly unfairly with helping the the Tories lose the general elec-

the run. In the face of an extremely sharp and sustained drop in demand, oil prices are rumbling all over the world. Contract prices for crude oil in non-Opec producers such as the United Tories lose the general elec-tion which led to Heath departing from both the premiership and Tory leader-ship.

Intermittently he learnt discretion. Back in 1969 he said when becoming director-general of the CBI:
"I have a bee in my bonnet
about people who make
important statements about
their new jobs". One of Sir
Campbell's hobbies is arguing. This may cause trepi-dation among some Renold old hands whose board consists of seven non-executive directors to only four in the



A blow in the bread basket As if Tim Howden, managing

Bakeries, had not enough to worry about thousands of those big plastic baskets used to deliver loaves have gone

So man Daskets disappeared in South Wales since the year began that British Bakeries and Allied Bakeries, the other giant in the trade, have been putting joint half-page ads in Welsh newspapers appealing for their return. About 25,000 have vanished, and they each

They are thought to make good dog kennels, rabbit hutches and toboggans.

Bits of British Rail are learning to live commercially. On one of the Sealink cross-channel ferries last weekend someone offered to clean cars for £1-not a service I could find anywhere in the brochure. European Ferries' plan to take over Sealink was blocked by the monopolies people but there is no doubt the Government wants to see Sealink in private hands. Perhaps the lone car washer should think of widening his horizon to a management buy-out à la National Freight.

Will he no' come back?

Young Mr David Rowland, still only 36, has lost none of his flair for attracting controversy even though he keeps out of the public eye. Why oh why, cry share-holders in Williams Hudson, the transport and mining group, are our shares still suspended?
They had their quote

withdrawn nearly a year ago. The word is that a planned takeover by Mr Rowlands' private Panamanian group will not now proceed. Mr Rowland made his first million when he was 23 having become big in prop-

Yesterday Mr Simon Knot ty, of Greene & Co, Hudson's broker said: "Mr Rowland has not been in touch with us for two years. But we will not resign as company brok-ers because the group is entitled to a conduit to the stock exchange which it may one day need. However we feel bdly treated."

Peter Wainwright

APPOINTMENTS

Dr J. Birks has succeeded Mr M. H. W. Wells as chairman of Charterhouse Petroleum. Mr Richard Rees, financial controller of Hepworth (Retail)

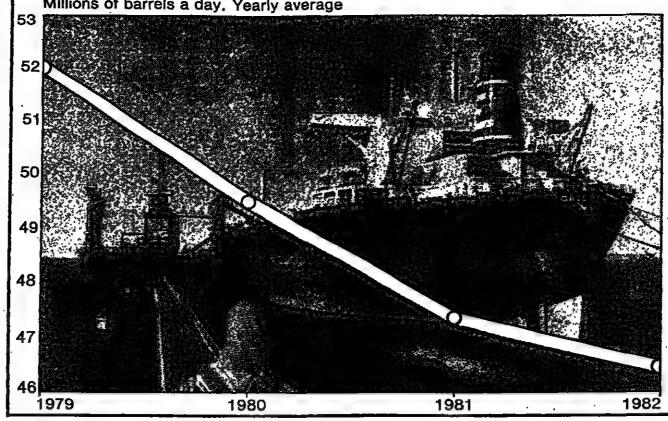
has been appointed financial Mr M. Shanks is appointed hairman designate of Geo. sett Holdings and will suc-Mr B. Mills as chairman on rement on March 31. Mr

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Tumbling oil prices: Why it is Opec's turn to get nervous

HOW DEMAND HAS SLUMPED

Times have changed when it is the oil ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries - and Millions of barrels a day. Yearly average not Western governments or oil companies — who start talking about "the present crisis in the international



ing pressure on Saudi Arabia, the world's largest single oil exporter, and producer of 40 per cent of Opec's total current 20 million barrel a day output, to reduce its production from the present level of around eight million barrels a day.

All the evidence from the "spot" market where marginal cargoes of oil are traded, and from the changing investment behaviour of the major oil companies is that prices have to fall further — unless the oil producers can agree among themselves to curtail their output to offset the continuing world oil glut.

This strikes at the very heart of Opec's problems. The financial pressure on the less well-endowed Opec members is greater than many people realize. The Bank for International Settlements, for example, reported earlier this week that the oil exporters, as a group, are now net borrowers of funds from the Western banking sytem — for the first time since the end of 1978. The since the end of 1978. The burden is not evenly spread. Calculations by Petroleum Intelligence Weekly, a leading oil industry journal, show that only four Opec members — Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, United Arab Emirates and Qatar — are producing enough oil in the present depressed market to balance their domestic budgets. (President Reagan is not alone in his problems.)

Worst hit of the remaining nine countries are Iran and Iraq, which are earning less

This strikes at the very heart of Opec's problems. Despite popular misconceptions in the West, the 13 members of Opec have very different needs and resources, and rarely find it easy to co-ordinate their divergent aims. Countries with large populations and revenue requirements but relatively limited oil reserves, such as Nigeria and Algeria, have a far greater need to maximize short-term revenues than little-populated producers with much larger reserves of with much larger reserves of than half what they need at a time when they are still engaged in a protracted and expensive war. Industry calculations are that the nine Opec producers with finan-cial shortfalls would have to overpriced crude, especially since many of them have ambitious development plans raise output by five million barrels a day to make up the gap. That assumes prices remain stable. But then, of to finance, can least afford to course, if they were to churm out more oil, prices

would inevitably fall,
The problem is that only
concerted action by all Opec
countries in adjusting production levels can save the price structure: but Saudi Arabia, the key to the whole process, has always insisted that the amount of oil it and not when they need produces is a sovereign raising (which usually turns matter for itself — and not into a free-for-all judging by Opec — to decide. A lot the events of 1979 and 1980),

Saudi Arabia decides to act.

The intentions of the Saudis and Shaikh Yamani oil supply and demand baltheir oil minister are always ance indicate how far prices may have to fall unless Opec meeting to discuss the crisis. Having vainly attempted to moderate the more hawkish Opec members' demands for ever higher oil prices during the according to some observers—may not be adverse to seeing those same Opec million barrels a day.

The numbers in the world supply and demand balthem ance indicate how far prices may have to fall unless Opec more out its internal difficulties.

Total non-communist-world demand has fallen away steadily from 52 million barrels a day in 1979 to 47.3 million barrels a day last year. This year it could drop to 45 million barrels a day during the summer, when demand is historically weak, and average out for the year as a whole as at around 46 million barrels a day.

publicly announced cut in the lowest since the early output of say 2 million 1960s.

barrrels a day cannot be The real crunch will come ruled out however — and that with winter, and the long-would take up most of the swaited world recovery from slack in the world oil market. recession. When economic

lems, it would be foolish and premature to write Opec off — or to claim that it is on the verge of collapse, But the conventional wisdom in the oil industry — that Opec only operates as an effective cartel when prices need defending,

depends therefore on how is put to the sternest possible Saudi Arabia decides to act.

seeing those same Opec. million barrels a day.

colleagues now suffer some of the consequences.

However, Saudi Arabian oil production, which slipped to sources such as Mexico and under 8 million barrels a day the North Sea, that implies last month from its official that themarket for Opec oil ceiling of 8.5 million barrels, will be no more than about may well be allowed to slip 20.5 million barrels a day, further without the Saudi That would be roughly equivalent making any official valent to last year's Opec announcements. A full-scale output, was already the lowest since the early

Despite its present prob- activity picks up, so will oil

demand. But how much will depend crucially on how effective the trebling of the oil price between the end of 1978 and the middle of last year has been in stimulating conservation and substitution of other fuels for oil. All the indications on that

score are encouraging. Between 1978 and 1981 the seven leading OECD economies, the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Italy, Canada and Britain, cut their oil use by 23 per cent—seven times as large as the seven times as large as the switch away from oil use prompted by the first oil price explosion in 1973/4. Most encouraging has been the response in the United States, where oil imports have slumped from their peak of 6.5 million barrels of oil in 1977 to an estimated 3.5 oil in 1977 to an estimated 3.5

million barrels of oil today. How far will oil prices fall? Oil traders, many of whom have been making money out of talking the price of oil down in recent weeks, say that it could yet fall as far as \$28 or even \$25 a barrel.

Some oil companies (still a minority) express similar sentiments. The International Energy Agency has rightly been urging countries not to get complacent about ef-ficient use of oil — again now that prices are falling. Complacency would be one way of easing Opec's crisis without too much bother. While it is down, Opec is sill far from out.

career", "long hours away from home", and so on. A 42-year-old personnel

career in the personnel field,

but the demands on her husband's job (which necessitated a number of

geographical moves) and her children's education made it

difficult for her to sustain

chain, a pharmaceutical company, and another TV company as she moved around the country with her husband until finally she

began to show increasing signs of stress. She started

drinking fairly heavily, averaging about three whiskies a night, and 2½ Mogadons to get her to sleep.

She has tried to reduce the

Mogadon, but finds when she does that she does not sleep

so well, waking early and constantly worrying this vicious circle makes her even

more depressed and has adversely affected both her work and her marriage. She

having more frequent outs of depression and her

This case is an extreme example of what we are

finding all the time in industry, the pressures on women of trying to balance

the world of work and home, a task which seems to

generate very little support from husbands and compa-

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relationship with her hus-band has deteriorated.

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Jonathan Davis

Business Editor

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Tightening up on the USM

young, immature compa-nies, the stock exhange's Unlisted Securities Market will have to weather accidents in its formative years. How well the USM develops as an alternative to a full listing for companies which are too small and without a good enough trading record will, to some extent, depend on how it copes with thrills and spills which have upset the market in recent mouths.

These could, if the stock exchange is not careful, make investors more chary in future.

Too much, then, should not be read into Euroflames local difficulties at the moment for the development of the USM as a whole. It is not after all the first USM stock to get into trouble — some like United Electronic have missed their forecast and Rower Puddie havinghild Rudd's brainchild, Associ-ated Communications In-dustries has already had a

capital reconstruction.

M. J. Nightingale's overthe-counter market did not
suffer any long-term damage from its occasional
mistakes like Twinlock.

And in America the home And in America — the home of the OTC business - far

of the OTC business — far worse happens.

Clearly there was great pressure in its early days not to hamper the development of the USM. Indeed, the original entry requirements were relaxed in order not to put off newcomers.

Most importantly the accountants' report was deemed to be unnecessary, the minimum amount of equity to be sold cut back equity to be sold cut back from 15 to 10 per cent, and the idea that the USM was only a transitional stage towards a full listing aban-

Since then the USM has been a conspicuous success with numbers of entrants and the turnover in their shares well above expec-tations. It has been turned a little too much towards oil exploration and high tech-nology stocks to make it truly representative of what generally, but that is pre- cial year.

Because of the inherently sumably a result of what higher risk in dealing with young, immature companies, the stock exhange's And because of the narmost of the shares, swings in share prices — Nimslo for instance — have been rather wider than many small investors are used to.

All the same the Euro-flame troubles should again force the stock exchange to review its entry require-ments to the USM, and whether in particular they should not be tightened up to include a more rigorous independent report from an accountant

Gilts Resilient

from Washington's Birth-day yesterday with an almighty hangover. Down went bond prices and the Dow Jones Industrial Aver-age, the latter quickly piercing its previous 1981-82 low". The consensus view seems to be that the big banks may well push prime rates up to 17 per cent before too long — the question being whether that

will be the top.

Meanwhile, United Kingdom interest rates remain remarkably steady. As far as money market rates go, this can be put down largely to the subportion down largely to the authorities' deter-mination to keep rates roughly where they are. But there has also been con-siderable resilience in the gilt edged market under the circumstances.
The market remains thin

at the moment with jobbers seemingly running relatively small books, so price movements may be sharp in either direction.

Livestors however are

clearly trying their hardest to put the United States out of their minds and concentrate on what they hope will be improving United King-dom fundamentals — a gently falling inflation rate as the spring progresses, and a Budget that restricts is happening in the growth the prospective weight of sections of British industry funding for the next finan-

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3.45p Per Unit + 7.8% Net Asset Value: 106p Per Unit + 5.4% FT-Actuaries All-Share Index + 2.6%

Total Assets £44,810,422

Percentage Distribution

• 61% UNITED KINGDOM

• 25% NORTH AMERICA

• 12% JAPAN AND PACIFIC BASIN

2% EUROPE AND OTHER AREAS

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manager in our sample illustrates this dilemma. She By Cary Cooper be watching for as the sample left school at 17, went abroad for a couple of years as a and Andrew Melhuish independent television com-

neut as well as maintain a home, or will they end up with coronary disease "like More men die of coronary

the United Arab Emirates.

It is this former group of

countries, whose exports and revenues have slumped as oil

companies and other buyers

have walked away from their

let prices drift.
They are putting increas-

heart disease in Britain and early evidence from the American National Institute of the Heart, Lungs and Blood indicates that working women with two or more children have the same incidence of stress-related neart disease as their male ounterparts. Many experts in America

and Europe feel that the health risk to women managers is directly related to the lack of support they get from their work organizations, their husbands, and the community at large. It was to investigate the health of such executives and their sources of stress that we decided to carry out a 10 year longitudinal study into the health of women managers. This study, which at present covers nearly 50 women and is aiming to build up to several hundreds, parallels a 10 year study we are curently involved in on male executive health, which is in its sixth year and covers more than 400 managers.

The study on female managers examines their hehaviour. At several intervals during the 10 years, each woman manager is given an intensive physical and biochemical examination. She also answers a detailed She also answers a detailed annual questionnaire covering smoking, drinking, drugtaking, physical health, mental state, job stresses, adverse events in life such as death in the family or unemployment, and many other factors that may alter their wall-heirs.

their well-being. first group of 20 female executives has been revealing. The sample in this

They ranged in function from personnel, to finance

Can women cope with a variety of organizations and stressful career in manage- industries. The initial sample is small, so it is far too early to draw conclusions, but the early results do provide some "signposts" which we shall

> is expanded. The percentage figures used to express results are based on those responding to a particular question. The response rate was very high but occasionally a manager declined to answer an individual question.

The first interesting, but perhaps not surprising find-ing was that only 33 per cent were married, whereas 28 per cent were single, 22 per cent divorced /separated, and 17 per cent "living together". This is consistent with

American studies, which have shown that the first crop of women managers to get to senior management positions frequently can only do so by pursuing their career to the exclusion of a family or any consideration of a family. Our research indicates, however, that a greater proportion of the next generation of women managers (now in junior management positions) are married with families as well

The detailed analysis of the 20 showed that 44 per cent had used tranquillisers some-time during their career, although the vast majority of these only used them during periods of work stress. Many had sleeping difficulties, with 40 per cent acknowledging "difficulty getting to sleep" and 50 per cent admitting to "waking several times during the night". Indeed, 35 per cent indicated that they took Mogadon or other sleeping ablets, but only for short periods of time. It was also Our investigation of the found that 56 per cent of first group of 20 female them had "less sleep than executives has been revealing. The sample in this about 6 hours a night. While detailed clinical study congress only 5 per cent of the sample detailed clinical study congress the sample of the s sisted of senior women smoked cigarettes, 28 per managers, with an average cent of them had between age of 33 and salaries in one and six alcoholic drinks a day (usually during busia day (usually during business lunches or dinners);

AT WORK: **STRESS**

Can women take the pressure?

Not one of the sample was teetotal; 28 per cent were "occasional drinkers" and 44 per cent had "several drinks week, but not every day." These results are consist-

it with an earlier study carried out in the Depart-ment of Management Servic-es at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology in which 135 senior female executives in Britain were asked about their physical and psychological health

It was found that 60 per cent of that sample admitted being frequently "fritable", 50 per cent suffered from occasional bouts of anxiety, 69 per cent from tiredness, 42 per cent from tension in the neck and back, 35 per cent from anger, and 34 per cent from such things as sleep-lessness. Our intensive physical examinations confirm these early survey results, which indicate that women managers may be under extreme pressure at work, although it will be a year or two before the results of a

larger sample are available to time, as illustrated by their confirm this. "frustration over a future It was also revealing that

more than half the group of 20 felt "severely stressed to the extent that their capacity to cope with difficulties had been reduced for several days or longer, on at least three times during the last 10 years of their work life, with 28 per cent experiencing five or more such stressful occasions. When asked what work-related problems were the major causes of their stress the results were as in

Conflict between personal standards and work demands

■ Relationships with colleagues of equal status at work — 50%
■ Long hours away from family — 33%

• Fear of redundancy - 22% A major problem faced by

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pany as assistant personnel officer and stayed for nearly two years. She then married at 21 and had two children.

but carried on working. Her husband was also in personnel, but at a very senior level.

She was determined to maintain and develop her

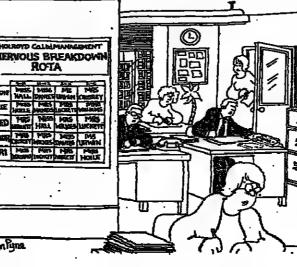
 Relationships senior colleagues at work -100%

— 72% ● Boredom at work — 72% • Inability to cope with the challenge of work (competition, deadlines) — 66%
• Frustrated ambition over

 Relationships with junior colleagues at work — 33%

• Inability to delegate

many women managers is trying to maintain a career and a family at the same



Investment Management

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Highlights from the Accounts and Chairman's Statement

Despite continuing slow trade, turnover was up by £1½ million in the year to 2nd October, 1981.

Profit available for appropriation, at £1,400,000, is marginally up over a 52 week period, compared with £1,385,000 for 53 weeks in previous

 We might have increased more sharply the price of our products but in the long run felt this undesirable.

■ Dividend raised by just over 7% from 11.1p per share to 11.9p.

Property revaluation at 30th September, 1981, shows a surplus of £9,873,000 over book value.

Brewery expansion and modernisation scheme has brought an improvement in general standards. We now intend to proceed with a new copper/ brewhouse at a cost of £250,000 at today's prices. for building products, heat exchange, iluid power, special-purpose valves, general engineering, refined and wrought metals.

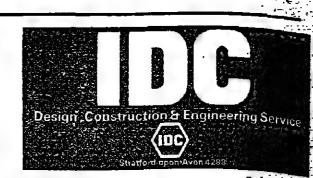
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Stock Exchange Prices

Gilts hold steady

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Bunston v Rawlings

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice and Mr Justice Woolf

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No offence when bona fide buyer sells - Capital transfer tax avoidance fails

Regina v Blocham
Before Lord Diplock, Lord
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Magistrates' orders as to costs

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Full details of injuries

Regina v Cooper

When a criminal court made a compensation order in respect of personal injury suffered by the victim the court should have had full and up-to-date information about the injuries sustained; and when the court wished to impose a fine with a period of imprisonment in default, to be payable by instalments, it should have been so expressed that the period of imprisonment was in default of the fine as a whole and not in default of each and any instalment, Mr Justice Stocker (sitting with Lord Justice May) held in the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) on February 5. Regina v Cooper

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Inland Revenue Commissioners

** Brandenburg**

Before Mr. Justice Nourse

[Judgment delivered February 12]

A complicated tax avoidance scheme designed to enable an elderly mother to give her daughter £60,000 free of capital transfer tax, failed in its object because deeming provisions contained in paragraph 24(5) of schedule 5 to the Finance Act.

The trustees invested the fund in government securities that 1975 could be applied to one of the steps in the scheme so as to millify in effect.

Mf. Justice Nourse so beld in allowing an appeal by the Crown from a decision of the serial commissioners that had quashed a notice of determination of the serial commissioners that had quashed a notice of determination adated October 30, 1979, imposing liability on the taxpayer Mrs. Alms Brandenburg, to pay the tax amounting to £3,812.

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His Lordship declined to decide the second and important issue that was raised by the case: namely whether or not the scheme was caught by the disposal by "associated operations" provisions in sections 51(1) and 44 of the Act. On December 9, 1977, the on December 9, 1977, the expreyer who was resident in the United Kingdom, settled £40,000 on trustees; the income of which was to be held for C Ltd, a close company resident in Jersey. The issued share capital of that company was in the absolute beneficial ownership of the Christopher McCall for the

Days later for a nominal consideration C Ltd assigned to the taxpayer's daughter absolutely the income of the fund. Thus the daughter was absolute beneficial owner of the whole of the settled property. whole of the settled property.

The determination sought to impose liability on the tappayer on the basis that the settlement and the assignments constituted a disposition by associated operations within the meaning of sections 51(4) and 44 that amounted to a chargeable transfer of value. The tappayer's appeal against that determination was allowed by the commissioners.

Thus under paragraph 3(1)(b) of schedule 7 and because of the decision in Von Ernst & Cie SA v IRC -([1980] 1 WLR 468) that assignment did not prima facie occasion any charge to the tax on a disposal of an interest in possession because the assignor, C Ltd. was non-resident and the settled property consisted of excluded property.

But relying on paragraph 24(5) But relying on paragraph 24(5) of schedule 5, the Crown now submitted that as the taxpayer was the sole shareholder and the sole person beneficially entitled to income and thus the sole participator in C Ltd, it was she and not C Ltd who was to be treated as the person beneficially entitled to the interest in possession in the settled property immediately prior to the assignment, in which event her United Kingdom status excluded the exemption.

was, had no charge arisen on the assignment to the daughter, whether the scheme as a whole constituted a disposition effected by "associated operations" under sections 51(1) and 44.

That was regarded by both parties as being a question of great general importance and it was not desirable, despite the full and admirable argument, to express any view when the decision of an anterior question was enough to dispose of the case. The appeal would be allowed. The Crown did not seek an order for costs.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Stephenson Harwood.

Profit from shares taxable as income

Bid Offer Yield Bid Offer Trust

Cheatle v Inland Revenue
Commissioners
Before Mr Justice Nourse
[Judgment delivered February 15]

within the group, who retained the shares as security for the loans, Purchases were not made direct from GEC but from a jobber in the stock market.

[Judgment delivered February 15]
A scheme devised by the General Electric Co Lid to provide employees with interestiree loans to purchase shares in the company was caught by section 79(1) of the Finance Act 1972 with the result that a gam of £807 ande by an employee on shares that he had acquired under the scheme had to be treated as being his earned income taxable under Schedule E. His Lordship so held in dismissing an appeal by the taxpayer, Mr Arthur Cheatle, a senior employee in the GEC group, from a decision of the special commissioners who had upheld an assessment to income tax made on him for 1978-79 in a sum of £12,496. sum of £12,496.

The targayer, with other senior employees, participated in the scheme whereby GEC provided interest-free loans to participants for the purchase of its ordinary shares. The transactions were carried out through the agency of C Ltd, a company

jobber in the stock market.

In 1974 the taxpayer instructed C Ltd to purchase 2,658 shares in GEC at 79p each. In 1979 he sold 250 of those shares at 402p each. He appealed against an assessment seeking to impose liability to income tax on that gain under the provisions of section 79 of the 1972 Act.

Section 79 provides for a gain to be taxable under Schedule E—

"(1) Where a person, on or after 6th April 1972, acquires shares or an interest in shares in a body corporate in pursuance of a right conferred on him or opportunity offered to him as a director or employee of that or any other body corporate, and not in pursuance of an offer to the pursuance of an offer to the public..." Mr Andrew Park, QC and Mr Michael Flesch for the taxpayer, Mr Robert Carnwath for the

MR JUSTICE NOURSE said that the question was whether WLR 1093) he argued that what

Bid Offer Yield Bid Offer Trust

the scheme attracted the operation of section 79 (1). If it did, any employee who sold his shares at a profit would be chargeable to income tax on an amount equal to the profits in place of the normal charge to capital gains tax. It would be one of those cases where Parliament decided that the profit should be treated as if it was part of the renuneration for the employment rather than as a private profit of a capital nature. GEC provided was an opportunity to borrow and that that was different from an opportunity to aquire the shares. aquire the shares.

But on any fair use of language it was impossible to say that the taxpayer did not acquire his shares in pursuance of an opportunity offered by GEC to him as an employee. Nor did it make any difference to that conclusion that the commissioners had found that the taxpayer could well have afforded to buy the shares without a loan and would probably have done so.

Further, the taxpayer's subment rather than as a private profit of a capital nature.

Two requirements had to be satisfied for section 79(1) to apply: first the acquisition of shares had to be in pursuance of an opportunity offered to the taxpayer as an employee of GEC; second the acquisition was not to be in pursuance of an offer to the

Further, the taxpayer's submission as to the second requirement of the subsection failed also. It was a short point and one of impression: the taxpayer's acquisition of the shares was not in pursuance of an offer to the public. The appeal was dismissed with costs.

An application by the taxpayer be in pursuance of an offer to the public. The taxpayer argued that the opportunity for him to purchase the shares was not provided by GEC but by the jobber from whom the shares were bought in the market — be would have sold them to anyone who paid his price and neither knew nor cared who the purchaser was. Relying on Ben-Odeco v Powlson ([1978] 1 WIR 1093) he argued that what

An application by the taxpayer for a certificate under section 12 of the Administration of Justice Act 1969 to appeal direct to the House of Lords was adjourned. Solicitors: Lewis Lewis & Co; Solicitor for Inland Revenue.

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Brazil: World Cup prospects

Brazil's night to savour breathes life into Ipswich

Ipswich Town 5 Southampton 2 Five goals by Alan Braza, pur the life back into lpswich Town at Portman Road last reight. Last season's runners up, who had seen this season's efforts in cup and league falling apart, are now only six points behind Southampton, the side they beat so remarkably, and they have five games in hand.

For Brazil, this was a night for the memory and for the future. Surely he could not have enhanced his Scottish World Cup chances more dramatically, and Ipswich may yet have cause for further thanks for his retrieving of their own chances.

Had Ipswich rejoiced in such unanswerable form in the FA Cup at Sherwsbury last Saturday there would have been no need for Bobby Robson to suffer the indignity of calling for special effort to keep in touch in the championship. In the five-influore perio dof Brazil's first treble of his career, the team, still Jackcareer, the team, still lack-Mariner, Thijssen and Butch-had such confidence that

Once the big South African centre forward, D'Avray, mastered Waldron and Southampton allowed Mills and Burley acres of room on the right, Ipswich were irrepressible.

Brazil's goals were all efficlently excuted but Southampton were often at fault defensively. Nicholl abandoned Brazil for the first goal after 14 minutes; D'Avray, replacing Mariner with confidence and power, headed on Wark's pass and Brazil enjoyed freedom by shooting in. Three minutes later D'Avray again vened to make Brazil's second. This time he dived bravely to reach Wark's forward pass; it reach Wark's forward pass: it seemed too close to Katalinic who was, nevertheless, disarmed by D'Avray's challenge. The

accepted an easy second shot. Only two more minutes had passed when a long, probing ball from Steggles ran into Brazil's path. Again he was unmarked and there was nothing Katalinic could do as Brazil sped through and marked another well-then and planted another wel-taken shot. Southampton struggled untidily to regain some measure of control over a game full of their mistakes. Keegan remon-

strated with fainter hearts and eventually, two minutes from the inerval, ipswich were brought nearer earth.

Channon and Armstrong linked before Peketr slithered into the negality area to cope when were

penalty area to score when more or less on his back. Southampton would have been more encouraged had Osman not dominated Keegan and D'Avray continued to take the weight of Southampton's defence away from Brazil. The effect was to make Ipswich appear dangerous throughout and Brazii deserved his fourth when put clear in front by D'Avray after 69 minutes,

Slack goalkeeping by Cooper allowed their lead to be eroded when Lawrence, Southampton's substitute on the right wing, centred for Keegan to enjoy an unchallenged header into the net. However, yet another breakaway by Brazil from Gates's long pass that tautalised Waldron, brought the Scot his fifth.

IPSWICH TOWN: P Cooper: G Bur-ley, S McCail, M Mills, R Omnon, K Sceples, J Wark, A Muhren, M D'Auray, A Brazil, E Gates. SOUTHAMPTON: I Establish: I iolac (sub G Lawrence). N Hofmes. Baker, C Nicholl. M Waldron, K Geogen. M Chenken, D Puckelt, D Limstrong, A Ball. Referee: J' Bray (Hinckley)

County put

on the rack

Coventry City, having won through to the quarter-finals of the FA Cup, disgraced themselves last night in suffering their fifth successive home defeat in the league. Notes County won 5—1 and had three goals disellowed for offside. Their first goal was a header from Goodwia and Coventry, unsettled, allowed another headed goal from Harkouk.

Coventry, unsertied, allowed another headed goal from Harkouk. Coventry pulled one back after

rejected. Hunt, who was warming up on the pitch at the time, signed a three-year contract last

ummer. Managerless Birmingham City

Managerless Birmingham City improved their chances of escaping relegation by beating fellow strugglers. Sunderland, with a goal in the last minute of each half. The Dutch winger. Van Mierlo, put their shead in the 44th minutes with a header, after Ciddall had pushed out an effort from Worthington.

Birmingham survived intense Sunderland pressure before breaking out for Worthington to curi a left-foot shot sround Siddall on the stroke of full time. The crowd of just over 10,700 was Birmingham's second lowest of the season.

Coventry

Swansea upstage their mentors

By Peter Walker

Liverpopi 0 Swansea City beat Liverpoolin so many ways their mentors— at the Vetch Fleld last night in a league contest which the Swansea manager, John Toshack, described as the British game at its best.
"It gave me more satisfaction than anything in my career", he

said.

Ray Kennedy, latest Liverpool player to join Swansea, added to the cuphoria. "We won it the way Liverpool would have won it", he said, after a match which was settled by two goals in the last 16 minutes. The mutual respect that the

The mutual respect that the two sides had for each other—someone suggested it was like Liverpool playing Liverpool Reserves—ensured a bland opening half. Swansea, lacking the precision needed, were unable to shake off close defensive marking, and Liverpool appeared to be suffering from the memory of Saturday's FA Cup defeat at Chelsea.

Liverpool had won 4-0 at the Vetch Field in the third round

of the cup and so Swansea approached this League encounter with less than total confidence. Yet they so nearly snatched an early lead. Stanley made ground down the right and his cross was glanced goalwards by Charles. Grobbelaar, diving low to his right, saved well.

Liverpool began the second half with altogether more purpose and resolve. A frantic goalmouth scramble after five minutes saw two Dalglish shots smothered in

two Dalglish shots smothered in quick succession and ended with Irwin heading onto his own cross-bar and away for a corner.

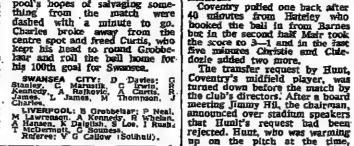
Souness and McDermott began Souness and McDermott began to regain control in midfield, but it was Stanley, of Swansea, who nearly broke the deadlock. Breaking forward powerfully from the right, he swept past Alan Kennedy, played a neat one-two with Leighton James and had time to pick his spot. Grobbelaar had narrowed the angle, however, and saved competently.

It seemed as if each side had settled for a point when suddenly the game was transformed by an astenishing goal after 74 minutes

from Leighton James. Taking a free kick ten yards outside the penalty area, he hit a right-foot drive that travelled with the velocity of a Jack Nicklaus three-wood. Even as agile a goalkeeper as Grobbelaar had absolutely po chance at it entered the top corner of the net.

With Liverpool committed to all-our attack, Daiglish wasted the best chance of the match when he could not turn fast enough after heating Davies to the ball. Irwin forced the ball away for a corner.

Left thin at the back, Liver-pool's hopes of salvaging some-thing from the match were dashed with a minute to go. Charles broke away from the centre spot and freed Curtis, who kept his head to round Grobbe-laar and roll the ball home for his 100th goal for Swansea.



Rix's strike lights up By Nicholas Harling Highbury gloom By Peter Bills

Middlesbrough 0 Arsenal, who climbed to third place in the first division with this victory, must have learned two valuable lessons at Highbury

last night.

Those who claim that results justify the method were surely proved wrong by a pitiful crowd of 13.728, the club's lowest League.

Those who did Eate of the season. Those who did attend gave vent to their frustra-tions to such an extent that there was a chorus of boos when he players went off after a goalless first half. O'Leary gestured angrily at the critics in the main Arsenal learned their second

Arsenal learned their second lesson from one of their own players. Rix drove home a shot of such power and accuracy from 25 yards with only eight minutes remaining that the single strike shone like a beacon in a thickfog. Rix's moment of inspiration, which left the Middlesbrough Yet the Londoners had spent the first \$2 minutes arranging to Yet the Londoners had spent the first \$2 minutes attempting to disprove the belief. They can point to a place in the heart of the championship race as justification, but those who last night suffered, some not in silence, know rather better.

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Terry Neill, the Arsenal man-oger, said after the match: "The size of the crowd is worrying, but we have got money in the bank. We will use it wisely. We are very sware of the need to provide entertainment and goals. It is very forcerating but you can only keen frustrating, but you can only keep trying to be as positive as jos-sible. We are now third in the table and that is not bad for a bum team."

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Aliddlesbrough lost McAndrew with a leg injury after 54 minutes with Thomson replacing him. Then Asheroft was carried off 10 minutes before the end after collapsing with chest paint. He was taken to hospital and detained evernight for observation. Davis's glancing header from a Holine cose just before the in-Hollins cross just before the in-terval, Sunderland's strong that into the side netting after 13 minutes and O'Leary's fierre shot from eight yards splendully pushed over the bar by Platt were rare moments of Arsenal aggression

sion.

For the rest, it was a familiar Highbury tale of Industry, effort and determination bringing no reward, until Rix's goal.

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Paiace, who had already complained in advance at the prospect of playing a cup march on the Omniturf of Loftus Road, must now go to Queen's Park Rangest for the sixth round where they will review acquaintance once again with their former damager. Terry Venables, Mr Venables and the rest of us might still have been awaiting the outcome of this fifth round the, bowever, had fifth round tie, however, had Moores not wasted a penalty with a spectacular miss only a minute after Smillie's goal.

With Moores having an unre-warding replay, Godfrey assuemd the main responsibility of scoring for Orient and he nearly obliged after being sem clear by Silkman in the eighth minute. He outpaced Wicks but Batron, after letting the shot slip from his grasp, snatched it back on the line. Godfrey almost scored thrice more in the first half, but by then Orient's Cause was more desperate, Palace having taken the lead and survived Moores' wild penalty attempt. With Moores having an unrepenalty attempt.

Appropriately the goal originated from Murphy, Palace's most creative player who came out of a tackle with Taylor to sweep the ball on to Mabbutt. His cross was knocked back by Langley to Sillie, whose half-volley from just

outside the area was a goal all

Had elther side possessed an able marksman, the scoreline would have reflected the adventurous approaches of both sides. The two managers have hardly promised a classic encounter but it was, as the Americans would say, a whole new bail game after Saturday. say, a wix Saturday.

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Steve Francis is in line for his first international bonours less than five months after making his first appearance for Chelsea. The 17-year-old goalkeeper has been included in the 16-strong England youth squad for the first leg of the European championship qualifier against Scotland in Glasgow next week.



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Rugby Union

Seeking a way to escape from memories of poorer days

By Peter West That ebullient character, Steve Smith, now installed as England's captain in his own right, will win his 24th cap at scrum half on Saturday in Paris. He will thus equal the record of Dick Jeeps, who established it between 1956 and 1962; Smith was 11 years old when the present chairman of the Sports Council played his last international and confesses that he never saw

Another 11 years on, and Smith was making his England debut, against Ireland in Dublin. For some time that has made him, in length of service, England's "senior pro". After Bill Beaumont's enforced retirement, Peter Wheeler, now due for his 32nd appearance, takes over as the most carned mambes of takes over as the most capped member of the side.

Wheeler won his first cap in 1975, by which time a disenchanted, less-motivated Smith was picking up occasional crumbs at top level, and, one suspects, giving no thought at all to the idea that he could ever hope to approach the Jeeps record, let alone equal or surpass it.
Smith's memories of the Parc des Princes

are mixed. Two years ago, in England's grand-slam season, he was able to direct affairs behind the masterful performance of a pack reaching its apogee. Four years earlier (Malcolm Young was the scrum half in a successful side in Paris in 1978), Smith suffered a miserable afternoon behind a pack given a fearful drubbing by a French eight which he rates as a fantastic unit, the best I ever

rates as "a fantastic unit, the best 1 even played against".

Men such t Paparemborde, Cholley, Rives, Skrela and Bastiat produced a torrent of good, loose ball, much of which mercifully was squandered. France, who won 30—9, might have got twice as many; "We don't know too squantered. France, who won 30-3, inlight have got; twice as many; "We don't know too much about the latest Franch pack". Smith reflects, "but I'm not sorry they've dropped Paparemborde. That ought to be a bonus

for us."

His remark, made immediately after the Irish internacional, that England had performed like a lot of headless chickens, was not mapt. Having seen it again on video, he was surprised that so many players had had an off day, and convinced that some good ones "couldn't possibly do it again".

He felt no extra pressure as captain for the first time has admired to true-time has admired to true-time has admired to the convention as he can

first time, but admits to frustration as he saw the game slipping away: "I racked my brains wondering how we could change course, chat-ting people up, reassuring them. I didn't think bollocking would make things any better.

"England's power base has shifted. We eachou now wo've are the strangth autida reckon now we've got the strength outside. But on the day, we didn't perform. It's much harder for the loose forwards to get into the game if the backs drop the ball, and fail to

put it in front of them." Smith was content with his scrummage possession but not surprisingly much less enthusiastic about what he got from slap-happy lineout ball, a distressing feature of too many England games since the grand slam success.

"Now we've got to do without Billy Beau-mont, the best number two jumper I ever played with. Lineout ball from the front can often be untidy, but not with him. He nearly edways gave it to you on a plate. Everyone's got the mesage. It's an area we've simply got to tighten up."

Ringland's hopes recede



Smith's half-hack partner for the past eight internationals has been Huw Davies. Before that, for five marches—four of them in the grand slam year of 1980—it was John Horton. At the end of 1979, for the match against New Zealand at Twickenham, Les Cusworth super-seded Nell Bennett at stand-off half and Smith, recalled for only his second full cap in five years, took over from Peter Kingston, Cusworth has had to wait a long time to be relieved of the tag of a "one-cap wonder".

Now he has Paul Dodge and Clive Woodward to support him, with "Dusty" Hare at the back. "He's got his mates", the captain says. "I hope he can play it like he does at Leices-

Dodge confident By Peter West

Rugby Correspondent

Paul Dodge, the England centre who missed the game against Ireland because of a hamstring injury, is confident that after a fitness test today he will be cleared to travel to Paris tomorrow for the international with

reflecting on the swings and roundabouts in an international career which he had all but reconciled himself to thinking was finished. The world's most prolific goalkicker (4,063 polots) won 10 caps between 1974 and 1981. and had participated fruitfully in all four matches of the grand slam season in 1980, when England dropped him for Marcus Rose after the Welsh and Scottish games last season. When Rose made himself unavailable for the tour of Argentina last summer. Hare was brought back to do a staunch job in both

internationals.

The irony is that if Stringer had not won a

content stress and the favorable reaction throughout the world has given the go-ahead for a new publication. The need for revision has been a nagging sore for decades, hence Longhurst's gesture. The rules secretary of the R & A is a full time appointment with, in turt, a full-time secretary, much of whose time is spent in answering pleas for clarification from the remetest corners of the globe. Even the game's most knowledgeable experts are sometimes caught out by the complexities of the rules and their sitendant subsections and footnotes, adjusted from time-to-time as a formidable catalogue of case law builds up, Modern trends have added to the problems, as a famous disagreement at Wentworth a few years ago clearly showed. The erection of an advertising hoarding to catch the eye of television on behalf of the sponsors of the matchplay championship placed an obstacle in Jack Nickiaus's way, but his claim to relief was overruled by the referce, Colonel Duncan, on the ground that the hoarding was too far away to interfere with Nickiaus's shot from a had lie. Nickiaus was right according to the spirit of the law, or rather local rules. Nothing that the new golf lawyers can yet on paper will avoid such a personality clash, but it illustrates the difficulties that modern merhods and modern mores can course. France at the weekend. Meanwhile, his Leicester colleague, "Dusty" Hare, recalled to the England side in place of the Wasps full-back Nick Stringer, has been

first cap as a replacement on the wing for Mike Slemen in the match against Australia, he surely would have stood down from the Wasps match last Saturday, and thus avoided pulling his hamstring. When Stringer was chosen to play against France. Hare was nominated as travelling reserve. The role of reserve now goes to Rose, who can also reflect on the ups and downs of life not always at the top,

Ankle operation for Pomphrey

South Africa with Ireland last summer and played so well that be was fancied for a cap earlier Bristoi lock forward Nigel Pomphrey is to have an operation on the ligaments of both ankles which could put him out of rugby for five months. The operation will be similar to the one from which John Scott, Eugland's No. 8, has just recovered and this season.

A bank official, he would maintain the Ulster representation in the side, in the continued absence through injury of the centre, David Irwin. Crossan was put on stand-by before the England-Pomphrey is arranging for the trained game when there was a doubt over Finn; now it seems same surgeon to perform it.

He said yesterday: "I have been told not in keep puttling it off, but I won't be going into hospital while Bristol are still in land, whose play for Ulster earlier this season made such a good Impression and earned him caps the John Player Cup!

In terms of walls, the next logical development is the giant fish tank of a court to be put up on the stage of the Chichester Festival Theatre for the last

three rounds of the Patrick Tour-nament to be played from March 17 to 24. Speciators will see the play through the back wall and the two side walls

Experience the key for Eton

to visit a specialist this morning but is pessimistic about his pros-

Should he drop out, Moss Finn

will switch from the left to the right and Keith Crossan will win his first cap on the left wing, Crossan (Instonians) is an exper-

enced club player, who toured

By Roy McKelvie

Rackets

Ey Köy McKelvie

Eton and Tonbridge engaged in a nail-biring match in the Noel Bruce Cup at Queen's Club yesterday. Andrew Beeson and Richard Bonsor, Eton's third pair, eventually beat Christopher Cowdrey and John Spuriling, the second Tonbridge pair, by 18—14, 13—16, 15—11, 4—15, 15—0, 9—15, 17—15.

Beeson and Bonsor are an established, experienced team and it was that which got them home. school only a few years back and

It may not have been the best quality rackets but as a contest it provided tell utmost fun for both players and watchers. The one service rule undoubtedly helped, though to serve a fault at 11—14 in the seventh and final game as did Spurling, or at 14—11 match point, as did Bonsor, is bordering on the criminal. Concentration lapsed in the middle of the match. the middle of the match. FIRST ROUND: Malvert 1 : M. W. Nicholis and P. C. Nicholis bed! Harrow V 1A. P. Scrutchley and J. C. Green 15—3, 15—3, 15—2.

\$5.000 ROUND: Eton tit (A. N. W. Breson and R. A. Bonsor: beat Tunbridge II (J. C. Spuring and C. S. owdry) 38—12, 15—16, 15—11. 1—15. 17—15.

Squash rackets

he may replace the unlucky Ring

Seeing dazzling geometry through a glass nightly minutes of continuous play with American scoring (the winner of every rally scoring a point). It used to seem improbable,

It used to seem improbable, even ridiculous, that squash could be viewed through the front wall or a side wall. This season it is bappening in Britain, which suggests that the television technicians at last have a chance to capture the exciting improcy of a game that has a spectacular visual impact when looked squarely in the eye.

Most "show" courts provide the traditional viewing positions from above and behind the players. In recent years the introduction of glass back walls has lowered sightlines to the players' rumps and given spectators an education in technique cotably the craft of digging the ball out of the back corners. Now the dazzling geometry of this arduous game is to be more fully exposed.

The erection of a glass side wall at Walion Hall, near Wakefield, was convenient for a second successful experiment with another innovation, "Supasquash", a condensed, dramatized form of the game designed for television. It consists of 20

Show jumping

professional By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Nick Skelton, who smashed the British bigh jump record in 1978 and was one of the young British team of amateurs at the "alter-native" Olympic Games at Rotterdam in 1980, is to turn professional

Show Jumping Association lad granted Everest Double Glazing the right to register with a com-mon name their grade A horses. in recognition of the major con-tribution that Everest has made to the BSJA as a sponsor of competitions and an owner of

who run the Everest stud.

Skelton joins the professional ranks, even though he has only 11 points on the BSJA scale, which has previously required 25 points before a rider may turn professional.

This development is bound to weaken further the concept of amateurism in the Olympic Games as far as show jumping is concerned.

Pomphrey will play for Bristol egainst Australia, Ireland and

at Richmond on Saturday.

almost held out against civil servants in their angual hockey match at Portsmouth yesterday. Hereip half a minute before the end Slatcher, a substitute, snatched the winning goal for Civil Sending. Civil Service. It was a great performance by the Navy who have not bealed Civil Service since 1970 when they

Hockey

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By Sydney Friskin

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A gallant Royal Navy team

Civil Service 1

won 4-1. Last year they were beaten 2-0, but Civil Service have beaten 2—0, but Civil Service and in recent years been improvide their goal average by running the tail scores against them.

The Navy have a depleted fivier list this year, because of Defence restraints, with only matches leading up to the services' championship starting on March 8.

There was no restraint, how-

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There was no restraint, however, about the Navy's ben defence which broke up the rhythm of the Civil Service forwards with quick tackling and powerful clearances. They were not reductant to artack them wives and came note these in the services a counter of times in the

selves and came nuite does in scoring a couple of times in the second half. Most of their attacks were set up on the left by May.

After they had made their cound half substitution the Crit Service made a few positional changes and began to look a little more effective. Even then they could do nothing with several short corners with the Navy 2thing them lettle change to score. This is, in any case, the most entertainin; phase of the British professional season. In the next seven weeks there will be tive men's events with first prizes ranging from £2,000 to £4,000. Those tournaments will be the Lookers Masters at Prestwich and for. short coraces with the Navy giring them little chance to score.
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The state of the stat Lookers Masters at Prestwich and (for the quarter-final round) Bradford; the International Squash Players' Association championship, to be sponsored by Thorntons at Sheffield; the Mc-Ewan's Lager championship at Stockton; the Patrick Festival at Chichester; and finally the Audisponsored British open championships at Bromley. The Chichester and Bromley promotions will be embellished by women's tournaments CONT. SCRVICE W WIGHT PROCESS OF CONT. SCRVICE W WIGHT PROCESS OF CONT. PR

Boxing

Leonard clips the wings from Finch Reno, Nevada, Feb. 16.-Sugar

Reno, Nevada, Feb. 16.—Sugar Ray Leonard had little difficulty retaining his undisputed world welterweight title last night, when the referee halted his con-test with another American, Bruce Finch, here after one minute and 50 seconds of the third round.

The count was started against Finch twice in the second round and once in the third round before the referee, Mills Lane, Intervened to declare a technical Finch, aged 27, the North

First, aged 37, the North American Boxing Federation champion and ranked number three by the World Boxing Council, fought bravely. He made only one mistake, but that was a big one—when he landed several blows on Leonard's face and body while the champion was on the ropes. was on the ropes.

Leonard reacted violently to the second-round incident, unleashing three hooks to the stomach and a direct hit on the law, leaving Finch recling in the centre of the ring.

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He was knocked down but rose at eight, then stood almost immo-bile while Leonard launched another series of punches. He was soon down again but called on reserves of strength to find his feet and stagger to his corner. When the bell went for the



Leonard: Little difficulty

third round the little-known chal-lenger seemed to have recovered his poise, at least while Leonard refrained from attack. But he soon succumbed again to Leon-ard's speed and accuracy. Finch went down for a third time and the referee rightly called a halt. The bout, Leonard's first def-ence of the titic he won by beating Thomas Hearns in Las Vegas last September, was the Vegas last September, was the champion's 32nd victory. He has suffered only one defeat. He carned an estimated \$1m, small

beer compared to the SI3m he is thought to have picked up for the Hearns encounter. Finch received S95,000 for his fourth defeat in a career of nearly 40 contests, many of which wear unrecorded. The stage is now set for Leonard to meet Roger Stafford, ranked number four he the war. Leonard to meet Roger Stations, ranked number four by the WBC, which might also be considered merely a warm-up. Tentatively scheduled next would be a mandatory defence against the leading contender, the winner of the bout harvean lose Pinnan Characand hetween Jose (Pipino) Cuevas and Chung-Jae Hwang on March 27.

There could also be a contest or contest or contest against the WBC light weight champion, Alexis Arguello, who would move up in weight, and the undisputed middleweight king. Marvin Hagler, for which Leaguerd would move up in Leonard would move up in weight.—Agencies.

[] Netroi Vorasing (Thailand) and Andy Balaba (Philippines) will meet in a 12-round contest on March 6. The winner has been promised the chance to challenge for the World Boxing Association flyweight title, the Philippine News Agency reported today. The climination bout will be held at the Araneta Coliscum. The match-maker Long Sarreal int. said

maker. Lope Sarreal, inr. said the winner would meet the WBA flyweight champion, Al Vellar

Tennis

Danes maintain S Africa ban The \$150,000 Danish Indoor tennis championships were removed yesterday from the grand prix circuit by the Men's International Professional Tennis Council (MIPTC) because of Denmark's decision to be a set of the professional tentiles of the professi

decision to ban at least three South African players. It was the first time such action had been taken by MIPTC. The organizer said he would try to stage an alternative event from

March 1 to 7, the scheduled date for the tournament, "The grand prix status was cancelled because of the tournament's mability to guarantee that the tennis players would be the tenns players would be selected upon merit rather than other considerations, such as politics." an MIPTC spokesman said. "We don't want to get away from accepting players based on their success in tenns tournaments. It's the only fair way to do it."

Earlier, the Danish Foreign Minister, Kjeld Olesen, was said to be standing by his decision to bar Kevin Curren, Andrew Pattison. Dave Nitton and possibly

The tournament organizer, Palle Christiansen, said that sport was "being used by the Government

For the record

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By John Hennessy

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Golf Correspondent
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His heart would leap today at the news that the rules are to be rewritten in a form that the average golfer will easily understand. The year 1984, full of foreboding in political terms, will see the publication of this new boon to the millions now addicted to the royal and ancient game of 5t Andrews.

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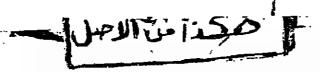
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Cricket

Sri Lanka becomes one of 'Big Eight' and Cook wins cap

From Richard Streeton
Colombo, Feb 16
England have given Geoff
Cook, the 30-year-old Northamptonshire captain, his first cap in
Sri Lanka's inaugural Test match here tomorrow. It is a notable occasion for cricket and Sri Lanka as they become the eighth Test playing country in history.
Cook has thoroughly earned his own way, could have significant implications for the English game.

There is little doubt that Cook

bowlers in order to spread the burden:
England are also slightly concerned about the pitch. They were surprised to find it had been they had early morning bets today before going on to have lunch on the Queen Elizabeth 2 which arrived in Colombo harbour could have significant implications for the English game.

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There is little doubt that Cook would be a strong candidate to lead England in Australia next. October if he can establish himself as Boycott's successor as an opening batsman. Fletcher, who will be 38 next autumn, was recalled specifically to lead the touring team in India. It was never a definite possibility that the selectors would think of him nerms as captain in Australia if a younger candidate for the job was in the side.

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Cook and Willis are virtually the only county captains other than Fletcher likely to be chosen by England next summer and Willis, who will then be 33, is by no means certain of touring Australia again. Cook's potential in the long term as a captain was one of the factors that helped him win the extra batting place in the touring side this winter. For a long time he was the unlucky man who missed match opportunities because of the need to keep the known Test batsmen in

Cook remained a cheerful and dedicated member of the side and has now forced his way into the Test team following two successive first-class hundreds and two sound performances in last weekend's one-day internationals. England have named 12 players but it was announced that Cook would definitely be playing, with another batsman or a spinner left out, depending on the final appearance of the pitch. It will, I suspect, be Gatting rather than Emburey whom is stood down. With the temperature nudging 100 degrees fahrenheit in the middle of the day England are known to want five

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spin later.

Fletcher said that Cook had "worked hard, practised hard and trained hard and you could not ask anything more of anyone. We have got to be looking for someone to open the innings in the future and Cook merits his place". Fletcher said Cook had proved a sound dependable player over the years and would be the perfect foil to Gooch in an opening pair.

The Sri Lankans meanwhile are understood to be torn over whether to include the 18-year-old lefthander Ranatunge in their side. It was always intended that this schoolboy prodigy should be included in their 12 to gain experience of the Test match atmosphere, but nobody wants to bring him on too soon.



Geoff Cook: forced his

batsman. Remembering that Sri Lanks will want to draw this game if they cannot win it. There must be grounds for thinking that Kalaperuma will be the man

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Provided Rogtand can summon their full range of skills at the end of a long, gruelling tour, they should certainly win this match, even though they will be made to work hard. The Sri Lankans have no experience of five-day matches and their batsmen's penchant for attacking strokes might let them down in the tense and emotional atmosphere that is bound to prevail.

The coming week, of course, is much an occasion for national rejoicing as a Test match. The Sri Lankan President, the Hon J. R. Jayewardene, is attending the game together with leading government ministers, cricket officials from all over the world and past Sri Lankan cricketers well remembered in England such as F. C. de Saram, Gamini Goonesena and Stanley Jayasinghe. De Saram, who scored a hundred for Oxford University against Woodfulls 1934 Anstralians, summed up the feelings of these former players this week when he said, "I only wish I was forty years younger".

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Racing

Dramatist to provide true Cup test for Venture To Cognac

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent

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Thanks to Fulke Walwyn's decision to run. Dramatist at Windsor this afternoom, instead of an alternative race at Worcester, the Fairlawne Steeplechase should be particularly informative. Without Dramatist, it would have told us nothing new about Venture To Cognac; with him in opposition, we should get a much clearer picture of the horse who is one of Fred Winter's two entries for this year's Chekenham Gold Cup.

Venture To Cognac looked a top-class steeplechaser in the making two years ago, but then he suddenly went lame. Since than, his problem which has proved every bit as hard to cure as it was to diagnose in the first place, has restricted him to only three races. His most recent outing told us absolutely nothing other than that he was sound again because it was that controversial event at Kemptom last month in which his only serious rival, Little Owi, was pulled up.

My first impression was that today's race was tallor-made to sait Dramatist. After all he will be getting 8lb from Venture given the same weight by the handicapper. However, Venture To Cognac is preferred in this instance because I believe that

better. Dramatist has always excelled in shorter races.

Bold Argument won over mday's course and distance on New Year's Day, but neither he, nor the only other runner in the field, Fort Fox, are in the same league as Venture To Cognac or Dramatist.

Fort Fox was regarded as a possible Gold Cup winner once, but that was some while ago when he was trained in Ireland. He never really lived up to that promise and he looked only ordinary at Huntingdon six days ago, even though he did manage to scramble home.

Rodman (2.15) and Princeton (3.45) could be other winners for Fred Winner's stable at Windsor this afternoon. Unlike Venture To Cognac, who will be ridden by his owner's son, they will be ridden by his owner's son, they will be ridden by his owner's son, they will be ridden by his hands upon, during the rest of this season, to be certain of being the leading National Huntrider again as his nearest rival, Peter Scudamore, is riding with pres gusto at present, and is not all that far adrift in the table.

Jacko books a possible winner for Scudamore in the Abberley Handicap Steeplechase at Worcester. Jacko was far from disgraced at Leicester earlier this cester. Jacko was far from disgreed at Leicester earlier this mouth when he ran creditably

against such useful opponents as Moor Close, Pillager, Gritter and Roller-Coaster. His opposition this afternoon does not look nearly so testing.

Twelve months ago the Lowesmoor Steeplechase was won by Stopped but in his present rather disappointing form it is impossible to envisage him beating Rathgorman, who was so impressive when winning at Wetherby 10 days ago. Rathgorman missed a race at Newbury last Saturday only because his trainer, Michael Dickinson, considered that the ground had become too heavy.

D Rubstic, the 1979 Aintree hero who provided Scotland's first win in the Grand National, will not be competing in the big race on April 3. "He's 13 and done enough at Aintree," his Hawick trainer, John Leadbetter, said at Sedgefield yesterday. "Twe taken him out of the National, but he's very well after hunting with the led Forest, and will have his first race of the season in a hunter thase at Newcastle on Saturday".

The northern jockey Chris Grant has been passed fit to resume ring at Newcastle on Friday, Grant, stable jockey to the Bishop Auckland trainer Denys Smith, has been out of action since breaking his collarbone at Sedgefield two weeks ago



Cheltenham Gold Cup hope Venture To Cognac has three rivals in the Fairlawne Steeplechase

Point-to-Point

Miss Pidgeon home on French Peacock

By Ian Reid

A sparkling double by Jennie Pidgeon on two of her father's horses and a shock for punters in the first men's open were the highlights of the Oxford University meeting, at Kingston Blount on Saturday.

Spartan Lace was odds on to repest his 1931 win in the Farmers' race, but French Peacock kept him at full stretch all the way with some spectacular leaps and eventually outstayed him on the testing going, Graham Pidgeon, delighted with his daughter's bold and skilful

handling of the ten-year-old looked like getting to terms with Soliday, despite a last-fence hunder by the 20-1 outsider. This well-hred eight-year-old, by migs round him," he said. Ballymoss, won a novice chase from David Nicholson's yard in double in the Ladies' race with the grey Zarajeff, whose turn of contact the farmers' race, but French Peacock kept him at full stretch all the way with some spectacular leaps and eventually outstayed him on the tenting going, Graham Pidgeon, delighted with his daughter's bold and skilful

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There were 134 runners for the
Cambridgeshire 'Harriers' eight
races at Cottenhem, where Queen
Elizabeth the Queen Mother's
colours were carried by Queen's
College in the first men's open
and Upton Grey in the second.

Mackelly and Pelant Barle
became the first qualifiers for
the Christie's/L.K.M. Ladies'

final Starting at 2-1 on, Mackelly set a cracking pace that had the field strung out on the tacky going, Four fences from home, Pelson Barle made a brave effort to get on terms, but one kick from Didi Powles sent Mackelly away again to win by 25 lengths in the fast time of 6min 23sec. Philip Hewitt produced Gill O'Whisky, whose dam is a half-sister to Pride of Ivanhoe, looking hard and fit for the first division of the men's open, which the won easily from St Rioch's Boy and the Portman mare Morning Heather.

Newton Abbot

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2.45 (2.46) SADOLE TOR CHASE (DIV III, E801: 2m 50)

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3.45 (3.48) REPON TOR CHASE (No. 22,428: 31km 100yd) Green Monkey (R Riley) 6-11-2 C Brown

4.15 (4.17) HAYTOR HURDLE (DIV & nov £815: 2m 150yd)

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2.15 (2.17) CORNDON TOR CHASE (Nov £2,382: 2m 150yd)

results

When Dr Grace took second place

From Richard Streeton

Like everywhere else in that workd where cricket has roots, British military and civil administrators first brought the game to the island, once described by Marco Polo, as the finest place of its size in the world. Those in the coffee business, yes, coffee was the main crop here until a disastrous leaf blight ruined business in the 1870s and tea and rubber took over, kept the game rubber took over, kept the game going with the first proper that formed in 1832 and the locals gradually becoming absorbed in

It was Ivo Bign's 1882-53 team who were the first reptesentative English side to play a game in Colombo, en route to Australia, a month after England's famous defeat at the Oval that inspired the Pink un's famous in memorium notice. They beat XVIII of All Ceylon and then resumed their voyage. Two days later their shop collided with another in the Indian Ocean and

the whistle stop visitors. Airline here, Bob Wyatt scored timetables made it harder to interrupt one's journey than the need of ships in bygone days to coal or refuel. The writer was with Smith's team and a very pleasant stretch of the legs the stopover made. One could well superciate what an enjoyable interlude it must have been in the days of cit week see avoyages have made road about his still remembered by those we have only read about his

understood to be the only man to have taken a hat trick in first class cricket in Sri Lanka, but such things are not easily checked. More important Wyatt is still remembered by those who have only read about his achievement. Less happily, Douglas Jardine, in 1933-34, is the only MCC captain remembered with reservations. Whatever the rights and wrones at the time, there are days of six week sea voyages

A comprehensive souvenir
book produced this week by the
Sri Lankan board contains
numerous fresh anecdotes culled
from old local newspapers about
each of the 26 visus made by
various English teams. In 1891
apparently the presence of H. M.
Stanley — discoverer of Dr
Livingstone — in the governor's
enclosure aroused more interest
than that of W. G. Grace, who
was leading Lord Sheffield's
team. There is an echo of the
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later their shop collided with another in the Indian Ocean and they had to return to Columbo while repairs were done and the cricketers were able to play further games. After this the majority of English teams to Australia and New Zealand called in, with M. J. K. Smith's 1965-66 team — the first to fly all the way to Australia — became the last of	fessionals in MCC's 1907-08 side to play in Colombo because the match was not sufficiently high. This was in March on the way from Anstralia and the England captain, A. D. Jones, and the amateurs in the party had to complete their team by enlisting local help from among the tea planters. When Arthur Gilligan's 1926-27 side to India and Burma played	presence of a party of hinarics in the crowd from a local asylum. Once the England touring teams to the southern hemi- sphere no longer paid fleeting visits, Srl Lanka relied more and more on longer visits by England sides touring India, Pakistan or the Far East and other countries, too, finally began to countribute to	Worcester programme 1.30 BRANSFORD HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £690: 2½m) (24 runners) 3	
Reatherstone Norman Featherstone, who had been suggested as the next captain of Glamorgan, has told the county that he will not be returning to Britain this summer. Featherstone, who joined Glamorgan from Middlesex in 1980, has accepted a directorship of the company for whom he works in South Africa.	bowler who plays in the Bradford league and has been recommended by the Yorkshire manager Ray Illingworth. Hartley will amend indoor ness at Edgbaston this month. The former Pakistan captain Mushing Mohammad, is to be Staffordshire's professional next	John Edrich has resigned as a Test selector. The former Surrey and England opening batsman, who became a selector last year after the death of Ken Barrington, has done so for business reasons. Western Province have moved back to the top of the Currie Cup	14	1

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Worcester selections By Our Racing Correspondent 1.30 Leith Hill Flyer, 2.0 Broad Principle, 2.30 Acartne, 3.0 Linton, 3.30 Rathgorman, 4.0 Jacko, 4.30 Palmyra Court.

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2.15 (3.16) NARDEN CHASE (Div I novices: E350: 3 = 600yd)

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Norman Featherstone, who had been suggested as the next captain of Glamorgan, has told the county that he will not be returning to Britain this summer. Featherstone, who joined Glamorgan from Middlesex in 1980, has accepted a directorship of the company for whom he works in South Africa.

Glamorgan now have a problem over finding a successor to Malcolm Nash. They could turn to Javed Minutad, the current to prain of Pakistan, although he will be committed to his country, who are touring here from middlese to his country, who are touring here from middleses in 1980.

Warrickshire may soon sign Peter Hartley, aged 20, a fast

Featherstone surprise

Edrich resigns as selector

Book review

Rod and line could not beat the system

Apart from Evelyn Waugh's Boot of The Beast, most foreign correspondents travel light. Little more than a bowler hat and an umbrella were at one time considered necessary for visiting Englishmen to be au fait with the Quai d'Orsay press department. Most diplomatic correspondents would shun the idea of taking their golf clubs to

Washington.

However, one of the great foreign correspondents of the twenties and thirties, Negley Farson of the Chicago Daily News, would always take his fishing rod with him wherever he went. In the Kalahari Desert or in the foothills of the Andes, it was always there, ready to be used at the first opportunity; and in the mountains of the Caucasus, in company with Alexander Wickstead, the Moscow correspondent of The Times, it was probably of help in heeping them both alive.

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"Wickers", as Farson called him, was an unusual companion for this hard-living rumbustious American, but they seemed to get on all right together, riding horseback up the wild snow-covered mountain passes into practically unknown country.

Wickstead had gone to Russia with Quaker relief teams in 1924 and decided to stay. His book Life Under The Soviets and his articles for The Times brought him a deserved reputation. The Cancasian trip, which lasted many weeks, must have produced several Times turnovers, which are now, alas, buried in the files but some of the feeling of it is vividly contained in a new and lavishly-illustrated edition of Farson's book, Going Fishing, published by Clive Holloway Books, with wood engravings by C. F. Tunnicliffe.

They slept rough, are grilled trout which Farson caught on a fiy, much to the astonishment of the Caucasians who had never seen such a thing before, and altered their diet from time to time, when they could, by the purchase of a sheep. It says much for the ingenuity and resilience of the early generation of foreign correspondents early generation of foreign correspondents that they knew what to do with it.

But, of course, the NKVD, or whatever acronym the secret police went under at the



Farson: posing a police problem

time, were aware of their progress, and no doubt alarmed by it. Farson records a meeting with a gentleman who gave his profession as "Instructor in Communism" who obviously disapproved a great deal of

who obviously disapproved a great deal of what they were up to.

The Instructor particularly disapproved of fly fishing though it was doubtful whether he had ever actually seen a Greenwell's Glory or a March Brown in his life. He had, however, no hestation. This — he told Farson — is a capitalist method of fishing. You must stop it. Here we fish the worm. Only the worm is to be trusted. Conrad Voss Bark

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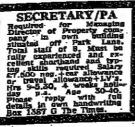
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with Johanny Morria 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World at One. 1.40 The Archers. 2.00 News: 2.02 Woman's Hour.

Edited by Peter Dear

6.40 Open University: Introducing Photochemistry, 7.05 The Message of Starlight, 7.30 Closedown, 9.05 For Schools, Colleges: Technical Studies: Press work, 9.38 Science Workshop, 10.00 You Press work. 9.38 Science Workshop. 10.00 You and Mo. For four and five year olds (not Schools) (n). 10.15 Everyday Maths. 10.38 Home Economics. 11.00 Words and Pictures. 11.17 Music Arcade: Brass. 11.40 Natural Details. 12.05 Lesson 15 of a French course. 12.30 News After Norm with Richard Whitmore and Moira Stuart. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial Report and news headlines with subtitles). 1.00 Peoble 5tif at One. The Canon of Carlisle with a devilish recipe. 1.45 Postman Pat. A See-Saw programme for the very young (r). 2.01 For Schools, Colleges: Walch. 2.18 Near and Far. 2.40 Merry-go-Round. 3.05 Sones of Praise from

2.40 Merry-go-Round. 3.05 Songs of Praise from

All Saints Church, Crawley Down, introdued by Geoffrey Wheelar (r). 3.40 Play it Safe Safety hints for the young (r). 3.53 Regional news.

3.55 Play School. For the under fives (shown earlier on BBC 2).

4.20 Cartoon: Winsome Witch in Operation

4.25 Jackanory. Prunella Scales reads part

three of Bogwoppit (r).

4.40 Take Nart. Tony Hart looks at different modes of flight.

5.05 Grandad. Clive Dunn returns to entrance

5.40 News with Richard Baker, 6.00 South East at Six, 6.25 Nationwise presented by David Dimbleby and Sue Lawley.

7.20 Film: The Last Hunt (1955) starring Robert
Taylor and Stewart Granger. A cattle farmer
is left penniless when his livelihood is
stampeded by a herd of buffalo. He
rejuctantly joins forces with a merciless
hunter in what proves to be one of the last

6.50 Roll Harris Cartoon Time, Four flicks featuring Tom and Jerry, Barney Bear,

Droopy and Bugs Bunny.

big buffalo hunts

children in his role of caretaker at Parkview

5.CO John Craven's Newsround

5.35 lyor the Engine (r).

BBC 1

6.40 Open University: Maths: Ideas of Space. 7.05 interdisciplinary Studies? 7.30 Symbols and Equations. 7.55 Closedown. 10.20 Gharbar A magazine programme of interest to Asian women. 10.45 Closedown. 11.00 Play Schoot. For the under five presented by Efizabeth Millbank and Dev Sagoo. The story is E. J. Dev Sagoo. The story is E. J. Farrington's Granny Harris's Visitors and it is read by Eileen Beil. 11.25 Closedown. 12.30 Open University: Developing Mathematical Thinking: Setting Up and Solving. 1,20 Closedown. 3.55 Landscapes of England. Part six: The Deserted Midlands: Professor W. G. Hoskins explains why the beautiful countryside between the Upper Thames and Benbury has remained unspoilt for centuries (f).

4.20 Dayan. The first of a three-part profile of the legendary Israeli (r).

5.10 Santa Maria del Popolo. A look

5.40 Laurel and Hardy in Dirty. Work* (1933).

6.00 The Water Margin. Exploits of legendary Chinese knights (r).

6.45 The Making of Mankind.
Richard Leakey investigate our distant ancestors (r).
7.35 News with subtitles.

7.40 The Master Game. Jeremy

Eric Lobron and Miguel

8.10 Chronicle: The Father of Pois. The story of Sir Flinders Petrie,

a genius of archaeology.

James presents the third game of the International Chess

series. Competing tonight are the 1981 German champion

Quinteros, the champion of Argentina. Expert analysis of the game is by Bill Hartston.

at the different styles of this 15th C Roman church (r).

BBC 2

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9.30 For Schools: Magic for the hearing impaired.9.47 The magic of misne with Marcel Marceau. 10.04 Obtaining oil and petrol. 10.16 French conversation. 10.38 Problems encountered in the early years of marriage. 11.02 The manufacture of steel. 11.20 How to avoid foot trouble. 11.39 The Introduction of the National Health. 12.00 The Munch Banch. Adventures with animated vegetables for the very young. 12.10 Rainbow. Learning with puppets. 12.30 Play it Again. Tony Bilbow talks to Richard Greene who chooses clips from his favourite films. 1.00 News. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Take the High-Road. Everyday life on a highland estate. 2.00 After Noon Plus. Mary Parkinson and Kay Avila entertain the Antipodean housewife superstar, Edns. the Antipodean housewife superstar; Edna.
Everage, on the occasion of Barry Humphries's birthday. 2.45 The Six Million Dollar Man. He is on the trail of the man who made him what he is.
3.45 Definition. A crossword quiz between Claire Rayner and Graham Stark (r).

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4.15 Cartoon: Dr Snuggles. 4.20 Madabout, Michael Bentine talks to Sir Peter Scott about his search for the Loch Ness Monster. 4.45 Arthur of the Britons. King Arthur teaches one of his young followers how to look after himself (r).

5.15 Mr Merlin. Comic adventures of a wizard disguised as a manager of a garage. 5.45 News. 6.00 Thames News. 6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of the Family Income Supplement, Not much in itself, but among other benefits it includes free school meals for the children. 6.35 Crossroads. Arthur Brownlow makes a surprising admission.
7.00 This is your Life. Eamonn Andrews with the

7.30 Coronation Street. Hilda Ogden thinks she knows who sent her valentine card.

8.00 Starburst. An hour-long variety show topped by Dennis (Minder) Waterman role of singer.

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7.05 The Archers.

conversation. 8.45 File on 4. 9.30 Kaleidoscope.

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Walton, † ncert: 12.00 News. 12.02 You and Yours. 12.27 Around the World in 25 Years with Johanny Morris. † Walton.†
1.06 News.
1.05 Concert Hall Recital: Sammartini, Saint-Saens, Lernox Berkely, Gossec, Vaclav, Lidi.†
2.00 Music Waekly †
2.50 Jazzmen Talking Sonsy Rollina in conversation with Charles Fox †
4.00 Choral Evensong from Worcester Cathedral. †
4.55 News. 2.02 Woman's Hour.
3.00 News.
3.01 Play: "Dawn Nearly One of the Greatest Stories ever Told" By Michael Bucktand.
3.50 Zoo talk. A collection of stories from the zoo.
4.00 Beyond the Threshold. The story of the Society for Psychical Resourch.
4.45 Story Time: "An Old Captivity" by Neville Shuta (8).
5.00 PM.
6.55 Westher. 6.00 News and Pinancial Report. 6.30 My Wordl † Checkpoint.
A Musical Evening with Thomas
Alien. The opera singer in
conversation. 11.00 A Book at Sedime: "Charm Lives" by Michael Korda (8). 11.15 The Financial World Tonight,

8.0 News. Midweek Choice (con-tinued) ibert, Yaughan Williams, Rubbra; Records. †

Viodis Finnbogadottir: Guest of the Week (Radio 4, 2.02)

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5.00 Melnly for Pleasure. †
7.00 S.S.S. Structures, Systems,
Signs. Dennis Donoghue assesses the new literary criticism
which has developed in France which has developed in France and America.

8.00 Elgar: the Apostles, Concert direct from the Royal Festival Hati, London (part 1). †

9.05 Six Continents. †

9.24 Elgar: the Apostles Concert: (part 2). †

10.30 Philip Cennon: Logos. † 11.00 News. 11.05 Hubert Perry on record. † Medium frequency/Medium

7.20 Cricket: Test Match Special. VHF Only 5.55 Open University. Radio 2

5.00 am Ray Moore † 7.30 Terry Wogan † 10.00 Jimmy Young † 12.03 pm Gloria Hundford † 2.00 Ed Stewart † 4.00 David Hamilton † 5.45

Charlie Chester says Be My Guest (Radio 2, 10.30 pm)

News and Sport. 6.00 John Dum.†
8.00 Alan Dell. 8.20 The King's
Colection.† 9.00 The Folk
Entertainers.† 9.30 Sounds of the
Sun.† 10.00 Pros and Cons. 10.30 Be
My Guest. 11.00 Brian Matthew from
midnight.† 1.00 an Truckers' Hour.†
2.00-5.00 You and the Night and the Radio 1

5.00 am As Radio 2 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Dave Lee 9.00 Simon Bases. 11.30 Dave Lee Travis. 2.00 pm Pau Burnett. 3.20 Steve Wright. 5.00 Peter Powell. 7.00 Radio 1 Mailtieg: Phone-in on 01-580 4411. 8.00 David Jensen. 10.00 John Peel.† 12.00 Midnight Close.

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9.00 Reers with John Humphrys. 9.25 Sportsmight introduced by Harry Carpenter. Live coverage of three heats in the long-distance (615 metres) Greyhound TV Trophy from Belle Vue, Manchester. Reporting from St Moritz, Tony Gubba brings the latest news on the World Echsleigh Championships. There is also reports and scores from tonight's football

10.25 Parkinson. His quests lonight are Hollywood veteran, James Stewart, television's nature watcher Julian Petitier and actress Tippi Hedren: 11.23 News headlines.

11.25 Oscar Peterson - Words and Music. One of the world's foremost jazz planists or the work a foremost jazz plants a accompanied by his guests Stephane Grappelli and "Toota" Thielemans plays jazz standards, He also talks to them about their life and career. Also featuring bassist Niels Henning Pedersen and drummer Martin Drew (r). -: 12.10 Weather.

9.00 M*A*S*H. The 4077th reels from the shock of Hawkeye on the wagen. His sobriety and borhomie begins to get the staff of the field hospital down. Starring Alan Alda as Hawkeye 9.25 Nancy Astor. Episode two: The

nan from Boston. The tairy tale-like beginning inues with her marriage to Robert Gould Shaw. Unbelievably her mother who had borne eleven children, had not informed her about the facts of life, which leads to Mr Shaw having a honeymoon that is certainly out of the ordinary. Lisa Harrow and Pierce Brosnan star as the newlyweds 10.15 Out of Court. Nick Ross and-Jane Walmsley with the legal news of the week.

from around the world. Ends at

9.00 Minder. Starring George Cole and Dennis: Waterman. Terry is asked by Arthur to look after his nieces's fiancee on his stag night and to get him to the church on time the following day. What Terry didn't know was that it meant shifting a consignment of porno magazines. 10.00 News

10.30 East 103rd Street. This street in New York's Spanish Harlam is the base for a documentary about a family of heroin addicts who earn money for their weaknes by selling soft drugs on the street. 11.50 Barney Miller Police captain: Miller has to cope with a handsome con-man whose victims are impressionable young girls and

12.20 Close. With Elisabeth Lityens reading an extract from one of her favourite writers.

a man who thinks he is Christ returned.

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News. 2.45-3.45 Bracken. 5.15-5.45 Radio. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 11.45 News. 11.48 Closedown. **HTV WEST** As Thames except: 1.20 pm-1.30: News, 2.45 Bracken, 3.45-4.15 History Makers: French Revolution, 4.45 Sport Billy, 5.10 Ask Oscart

SCOTTISH " As Thames except: 1.20 pm News. 1.30-2.00 Foll Life: Lord George

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Hoover Years, 5,15 Radio, 5,30-5,45
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ees Company

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As Thomas except: 12.30 pm-1.00 Mr and Mrs. 1,20 Granads Reports. 1,30 Exchange flags. 2,00 Take The High. Road. 2,30 Multi-Million Viewer Audition: Viewers John an Audition.
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As Thames except 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.45-3.45 Trapper John. 5.26 5.45 Crossroads, 6.00 Channel Report. 6.35-7.00 Ladies First. 11.50 Superstar Proffle; Donald Sutherland. 12.10 am Epilogue followed by

ANGLIA

As Thames except: 1.20 pm-1.20 News, 2.45-3.45 Trapper John. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days, 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 11.50 Love American Style. 12.15 am Big Question:

TYNE TEES



Candy of East 103rd Street (ITV, 10.30 pm)

 Spanish Harlem is the setting for the télé-verité documentary EAST 103rd STREET (ITV, 10.30 pm) For ten days award-winning director/cameraman Chris Menges filmed a family, with their

permission and protection, from a hideout in a van and in the privacy of their apartment. What we see is a once-beautiful woman, hooked on heroin, living with a similarly addicted man and her son. They raise money for their drugs by selling 'loose joints' (marijuana) openly in the street. The fly in the tamily ointment the woman's daughter, Candy. She constant berates her mother for allowing persistence pays off at first when the boy visits a drug counsellor but the good intentions are drowned in a sea of hopeles with drug taking the only rele

· CHOIGER years later. His finds and his The film is a depressing view of lives wasted. Chronicle's THE FATHER OF POTS (BBC 2, 8.10 pm) is the story of Sir Flinders Petrie who

to Earth.

devoted his life to a study of the civilizations of Egypt and Jerusalem. The London-born archaeologist first went to Egypt In 1880 when he was 27. His mission was to disprove the prevalent theory that the building of the Great Pyramid was divinely . . inspired. Working on his own he debunked the cisim at the same plundering undergone by the arcient tombs. To help preserve what was left he immediately began a series of archaeologica

Fund thus beginning a task that was to last until his death over 60 reactions to them he recorded in his diaries which are read with Jeremy Clyde as the voice of O DAMN NEARLY ONE OF THE

digs for the Egypt Exploration

GREATEST STORIES EVER TOLD (Radio 4, 3.02 pin) It concerns multi-millionaire inclustrialist Jack Mendecot who has an utilikely visitation from God who instructs an to seek six new commandments.
These are written in Jamilog
polystyrene tablets which are to be
found in a bus shelter in Muswell Hill Broadway. The searcher, on his wild escapaties in pursuit of his prize; arouses the suspicion of the local.

5.A5 Crossroads, 6.00 Scotland Today, 6.20 Action Line, 6.30-7.00 Web's Way: Tom Web, 10.35 Late Cab, 10.40 Scotland Special 11,16 East 103rd Street 12.85 Closedown,

5.20-5.45 Croseroads, 6.00 No

6.30-7.00 Sing a song with me. 11.50 Amazing Years of Chems: Clowns. 12.20 am Closedown. HTV CYMRU/WALES

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American tinned salmon recalled

By Annabel Ferriman Health Services Correspond Half pound tins of salmon from the United States could be contaminated with botulism and should be returned to the retailer, the Department of Health and Social Security said

yesterday.

The warnings follow two cases of botulism, one fatal, in Belgium 10 days ago from eating such salmon.

The Department, which was informed about the cases on Monday, said that the contamination occurred because the tins were faulty and that no faulty tins had yet been found

The fault is a tear in the tin which is usually covered by the label. Other tins have since been discovered abroad with an identical defect.

The Department said yesterday: "Members of the public are advised not to use these American cans of salmon (any brand name) and to return such cans to the retailers."

Wholesalers and retailers

Wholesalers and retailers are withdrawing the tins, and this is likely to cost them millions of pounds because as many as five million could be

in circulation. The Department emphasized that it was United States and not Canadian salmon that should be returned. The latter

is not implicated.

The cans in the Belgian tragedy were cauned at the Ketchycan caunery in Alaska but it is thought that the flaw. will not be confined to that

A tin of Alaskan canned salmon from another cannery killed two pensioners in Birmingham in 1978. They developed botulism, a bac-terium particularly associated with salmon, after eating a tin

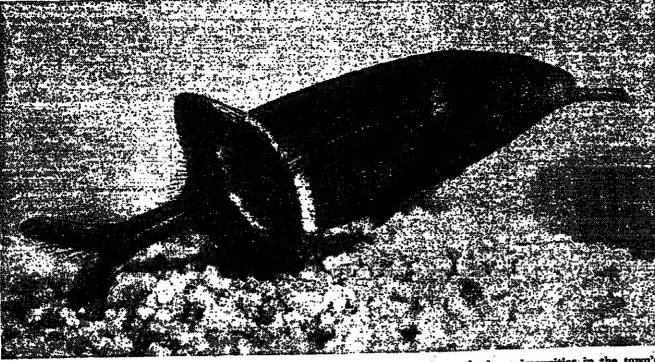
of John West salmon.

The Food and Drug
Administration, the food industry's regulatory body, is now
trying to discover whether the
flaw in the way the fins are
made is confined to one

John West Foods Ltd, a major importer of tinned selmon, suffered severely after parent company, estimated that

It also had to pay out an undisclosed sum in an out-of-court settlement for the two people who died and two

Botulism is a rare but extremely serious form of food poisoning. It affects the nerves, interferes with breathing and swallowing. It kills in about



Tail piece: This Nile pike is being used in Göppingen, West Germany, to keep check on impurities in the town's water supplies. As they increase, so do the vibrations of its tail which, through on electronic circuit emit impulses.

Crack force in desert 'could be deterrent'

Continued from page 7 of using it as "cover" in order to boost its military presence in the Middle East and improve the logistical standing of the RDF.

American sources were at pains to stress here that it was unlikely that the 600 troops from the 82nd Airborne Division would or could be diverted from their role in partolling the Sinal with the multinational force to other, specifically American military activity ally Amtrican, military activity in the region.

They claimed that the main reason for the decision to deploy such an elite unit is to give the men experience of operating in desert conditions. The first hint, of the imminent deployment of United States paratroops in the Sinai came in a story by Mr Hirsch Goodman, Defence Correspondent of the Jerusalem Post and himself an exeptienced combat

paratrooper. He claimed that the unit's merican commander had American commander had hoped to parachute his men and their equipment into the Sharm El Sheikh area, but the plan had been overruled by his superiors.

Some military observers are surprised at the United States decision, because the Sinai force is designed as a low-key peacekeeping body which is not expected to indulge in military

Its main task will be to act as a tripwire to warn Israel or Egypt of any breaches in the 1979 peace treaty after the

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final Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai, in April. Commenting on the plan today, Mr Goodman wrote:

"The presence of 600 frontline American troops just hours from the Gulf States, Israel, the Nile, Sudan and Jordan, could serve to deter

50 miles

Soviet expansion in the region as well as to provide a stabil In addition to the dominant of the troops from the rote of the troops from the 82nd Airborne, naval facilities for the force will be provided by the Italians, the Australians will provide a 10-strong helicopter unit and the French have undertaken to man a field heroical.

small British squadthought to number less than 40 men—will provide logistic and administrative assistance at the two main bases, one on either side of the Sinai

Cabinet approve devolved government in Ulster

Continued from page 1 would be unable to function without the backing of the weighted majority.
Mr Prior's colleagues on the Mr Prior's colleagues on the committee, who include two former Northern Ireland secretaries, Mr Francis Pym and Mr William Whitelaw, apparently gave general welcome to the originality of his approach and although some reservations were expressed and a degree of scepticism evident, wished him septiments.

Legislation to set up the assembly will be relatively uncomplicated. It is understood that it can be achieved by amendment of the 1973 North eru Ireland Constitution Act and the 1974 Northern Ireland Act which introduced direct

On the crucial question of security, Mr Prior is at present considering the idea of establishing a committee, comprising the chairmen of the various assembly committees, which would act, initially at least, in an advisory and consultative

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The papers

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With Mitterrand's visit to Israel scheduled for next month, Le Monde warns that it is a "mistake to believe that French diplomatic circles think—as do the Israelic—that the Palestinians should remain . In Jordan or Transfordan".

Urging Russia to allow the Pennerostalists sheltering in the United States embassy to emigrate, the Christian Science Monitor says: "Let them go Mr Brezhoev you have nothing to lose but disdoin".

Income tax leaflets

For information on tax position of pensioners, "Income Tax and Pensioners" leaflet is available from tax offices or PAYE Enquiry Offices tcheck phone book under Inland Revenue for nearest address).

For details of increased personal allowance for over 65s, see "Income Tax—Age Allowance" leaflet, available as above.

Phone-a-horoscope

A recorded horoscope service has been started by British Tele com on 01-246 3000 (between on and 6 pm).

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role.

Mr Prior's proposals will inevitably be resisted by a small minority of Conservative MPs at Westminster who favour full integration of Northern Ireland with the rest of Britain.

However, last night he told the Bow Group that he did not regard such an approach as realistic. It was opposed by all four of the main political parties and returning substantial wo main bases, one on side of the Sinai powers to local authorities, which integration would involve, would immediately

Mr Prior is staking the success of his new initiative on the ability of Ulster politicians to operate it for themselves. He said: "We delude ourselves if we think we can impose anything. My aim must impose anything. My aim must be much more to try to create a basic framework; to create the right conditions which will enable the parties and the politicians in Northern Ireland themselves to move towards a more settled and stable future. That is where the onus rests on the parties in Northern Ireland.

He added: They have enormous powert o block and wreck. But if I believe there is a chance that it could work, I want to encourage them to apply their undoubted power and ability in a more positive and constructive way. At the end of the day only they can take the necessary steps."

Nominations opened for the South Belfast by election yesterday, with the possibility of an eight or nine cornered contest and a four way split i nake Unionist vote. The seat way held by the Rev Robert Bradford the Official Unionist MP who was murdered last November. He had a majority of 17,430 in a five-cornered ability in a more po contest at the 1979 general election when neither the Democratic Unionist Party nor the United Ulster Unionist

Nkomo may lose **Cabinet** seat

From Stephen Taylor, Salisbury, Feb 16

Mr Joshua Nicomo zinghabwe's ruling Zemi (PF)-Party wanted him out of the coalition Government. The veteran nationalist leader was speaking after the seizure earlier in the day of 11 companies associated with his Patriotic Front party—the first punitive action over the arms caches crisis.

Mr Nhuno said that with the

Mr Namno sand that wan the integration of former gueral-las successfully accomplished "Zanu (PF) now believes it can do everything on its own."

Asked whether the three ministers who are mambers of his Patriotic Front would join him if the were dismissed that the Congruent he said: from the Government, he said: "We are there as Zapu (the Patriotic Front). If we are out we are out as Zapu."

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With government criticism of Mr Nkomo mounting, the Cabinet met in the morning in an atmosphere of tension. Mr Nkomo, the Minister Without. Portfolio, attended what was understood to have been a stormy session which broke up without any statement.
Immediately afterwards the Central Committee of Zamu (PF) went into closed session where crucial decisious on the future of the alliance with the Patriotic Front were likely to be taken.

be taken.

Höwever, sources close to the ruling party say that there has been no discussion of excluding Mr Nkomo from the Cabinet or of scrapping the codition

There can be no such action, it is indicated, until after inquiries into the discovery of arms on Patriotic Front property have been completed. Investigations continued today with a police swoop on Patriotic Front offices in Salis-

Patriotic Front offices in Salisbury where documents and files were collected.

Earlier in the day, Mr Richard Hove, Minister of Home Affairs, announced that 11 companies associated with Patriotic Front members had been declared unlawful declared . been declared unlawful organizations. The activities of the com-

panies, which include agricul-nural, property, hotel and in-vestment enterprises, had been deemed likely to endanger public order, Mr Hove said. public order, Mr hove said.
Under the terms of the
Unlawful Organizations Act,
which was used by the
Rhodesian Administration Rhodesian Administration against Zanu and other nationalist parties, the property of the companies will be put in the hands of a liquidator. Any compensation will be at the discretion of the President

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Numeracy and literacy Parliament's perils

My John Stokes, Conserva-tive Member for Halesowen and Superinging, said yester-day that eccurring to some report or other, most people were so insurerate they could not understand inflation.

Later, Mr. John Lee (Conservative, Neison and Coine) said the Puisse Minister was now favourier to win the next remarks alasmost.

general election.
Could it he that there is a causal connection between the two phenomena? Is wide-spread ignorance of inflation something which the Government should take action against? Since inflation is a latter order and a first order. weeks going up, and since issue of inflation, there is clearly a moral delemma here. Mr. Smikes made his point during education question time. This reminded us that it is not only Tories who have these moral dilemmes

have these moral oremnos about encouraging things which would almost certainly lead to their desmucion at the polls. The Labour Party has the same problem over education. At education question of the polls. time. Lebour Members demand more and more of the shift. The more brutish the backbencher, the more mensaring his demands for education—not for himself, of course, but for his immo-

ret educated people are invariably snobs. If we create more of them, they would not tolerate Labour's more primitive Members representing them in Partiament, and Partiament would be much the poorer. It would end up like the SDP. That party does have a couple of token buttes. But they detected late from the Labour benches, and they do not look at home.

Not that base considerations Not that base considerations of party advantage animated. Mr. Stokes. He is one of the least base of backbenchers. With growine impartiality, he urged "a return to the teathing of the three Rs in schools", which he thought "might be preferable to some of the more modern, progressive and trendy systems of

and they do not look at home.

education

Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Education,
said Mr. Stokes was right to
be worried The Covernment
would be considering the findings of the report to which Mr Stokes had referred. Tory backbenchers narmured approval. Here we grived at a cucial difference in the approde of Labour and Tory backbenchers towards

aducation. Labour simply believe there should be more of it about. Tories distrust the usefulness of the amounts. of it that are aleady avail-

Mr Timothy Brinton (Consevative, Gravesend), stepped in with a question about the decline in educational stan-dards. For any backbencher this is always a hazardous emerprise. One grammatical goof, one infinitive ewry, one metaphor mangled, and all is lost. It is impossible to depict oneself a champion of literacy if one's syntactical trousers are flapping about one's feet at the time.

Mr Brimon began confidently enough Expenditure on education had doubled in the last 20 years, he said, more so even than that in the

One knew the point he was about to make: standards not doubled ... indeed, fallen ... ho, ho, ho ... how come? One had heard it often at One had neard it often at education question time.

Alas. Mr Brinton found himself asserting: "Standards, if they have raised at all, have raised minutely".

Perhaps he has trouble with the various uses of "raised" and "risen" because there was too much expenditure on his education. (He went to Eton.) Perhaps he has never done. Emn.) Perhaps he has never done any work connected with literacy (He was for some years an ITN newscaster.) One feels sure there is some such humane explanation. One's heart went out to him, as the Labour benches jeered.

On to Mrs Thatcher being election favourite. The hearther who made the

On to Mrs Taatcher being election favourite. The backbencher who made the point, Mr Lee, did so during rime Minister's question time. He said he got it from the bookmakers. It was a more than usually sycoubantic observation. Mrs Thatcher soberly told him: I" am grateful to the bookies." Mr Michael Foot crashed in with a demand to know why manua demand to know why manu-to the latest figues, was the lowest for more than 14 years. This is a figure from which the Government is entirely safe since we now know that the voters are far too inumerate to grasp it. too inumerate to grasp it. Nose the less, the Labour benches bayed. The mood immed rather victous. Mrs. Thatcher sad the figures were because we had just had the worst winter conditions since the 1800s. Thus, like all well brought up women; when the atmosphere threatened to become rather

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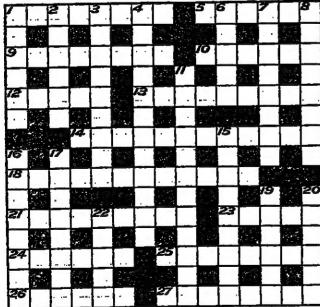
Roval engagements The Duke of Kent visits Telephone Manufacturing Company, Malmesbury, 10.45, later visits Westinghouse Brake and Signal Company Group, Chippenham, 2.20.

Princess Alexandra attends re-ception for opening of "Excavat-ing in Egypt" exhibition to mark centenary of Egypt Exploration Society, British Museum, 6.15.

Paintings by Philip Reeves, the Arts, University of St Andrew's : Mon Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, sat 9.30 to to Sat 10 to 5. Sun 2 to 5 (until February 28).

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9 Court in which Galsworthy wrote (8). wrote (8).

10 Pursue game here (6).

12 Keen to get a hearing — such a bore! (5).

13 points switched (8).

14 Arranging trip into area you first came from (12).

15 Trim garment reduced (5,4).

16 Perturations

rough (5,3,4).

18 Holmes found one missing 19 Cook went there for fruit

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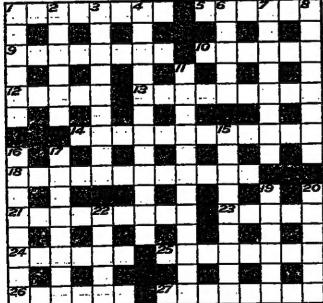
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catch (6). 2 Free 23 of this colour (6). Giving little away in EEC — strive to reform it (9). Integrated college in New Zealand (12).

February 23).

Hurry Along Please, one hundred years of public transport in Oxfordshire, Banbury Museum; Mon to Sat 10 to 4, closed Tues Paintings by Sean Scully, Arts Council Gallery, Bedford Street. Belfast: Mon to Sat 10 to 5

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 15,758



ACROSS

1 Seat of authority, one for master or dame perhaps (8).
5 Drinkers in county? Only in fiction (6).
6 Othello, say, wrongly suspected one (5).
7 One who's not late, being extremely fit? (8).
8 Composition of agreements between countries — final points switched (8).

a bore! (5).

13 Plant or sort of grass in perfect condition (9).

14 Game little ships do, when it's

16 Pertinacions advocate has second puzzling question (8).
17 Thoroughfare leading to destruction reported St Matthew

excellent one (6). Rugby man (5-7). 21 Repetition of tea dance (3-3- 20 Provocation from Pravda?

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Solution of Puzzle No. 15,757

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Museum and Art Gallery, John
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4, closed Suns (util March 13).

A Glimpse of the Past—local
views from old photographs,
Museum and Art Gallery,
Stafford; Tues to Sat 10 to 5,
closed Mon (until Feb 27).

The Subjective Eve, Arnolfini
Gallery, New Quay, Bristol; Tues
to Sat 11 to 8 (until March 27).
Paintings by Joan Painter,
Grange Art Gallery and Museum,
Rottingdean, Brighton; Mon to
Sat 10 to 5. Sun 2 to 5, closed
Wed (until March 14).
Photographer as Printmaker,
Castle Museum, Nottingham;
daily 10 to 4.45 (until Feb 28).

Art of the Edo Period of Japan,
1600-1858, Ashmolean Museum,
Oxford; Mon to Sat 10 to 4, Sun
2 to 4 'until Feb 28).

Music

Recital by Marisa Robies, Aberdeen Art Gallery, Aberdeen, 7.30. Talks, lectures

Air Power over Europe II: The European Air Balance in 1982, by Prof N. G. Brown, Poynting Build-ing, University of Birmingham, 11.

Auctions today

Christie's, King Street: Medieval mortars, 11. Christle's, South Kensington: Carpets and objects of art, 10.30; English and Continental pictures, 10.30 and 2; furniture, 1; clocks and barometers, 2. Phillips, Elenheim Street: English and Continental ceramics and glass, 11. Sotheby's, Bond Street: Old Master paintings, 11: 17th, 18th and 19th century British paintings, 2.30. Sotheby's, Betgravia: Tunbridge ware and papier mache, 10.30.

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Viewing

Bonhams, Montpeller Street:
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9.15 to 12; clocks and barometers, 9.15 to 12; European
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4.30: printed books, 9.15 to 4.30.
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and plate, all 9 to 4.30. Sotheby's,
Bond Street: Silver; clocks and
watches: furniture, all 9.30 to
4.30. Sotheby's, Belgravia: European
ceramics, 9.30 to 4.30.

Sporting fixtures

Footbail: Footbail League.
Scottish Cup and Scottish League
matches (page 18).
Racing: Meetings at Worcester,
1:30 and Windsor, 1:45.
Rugby League: First division:
Barrow v Bradford Northern.
7:30. Hull Kingston Rovers v Fulham, 7.30 : Warrington v Leigh, 7.30.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Canada Bill, second reading.

Lords (2.30): Debate on need for a better educated working population.

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Roads

Midlands : M6 : Lane closures Midlands: Mis: Lane closures between Miss and A426 exits. A5: Only one lane open near junction with A444 in Warwickshire. A5: Roadworks on Atherstone by-pass. A49: Delays on Ross Road, Hereford between Hinton Road and Holme Lacy Road.

Road.

Wales and West: A361:
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Somerset: A396: Delays between
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North: A56: Roadworks at Hoole Roundaboot, Chester, A66: Traffic lights between North Bitts and Greta Bridge, co Durham. A1(M): Southbound lane closures North Scotch Corner, N Yorkshire. A1: Lane closures between Selby and Wetherby.

Scotland: A739: Clyde Tunnel Expressway closed southbound at Shieldhall Road Flyover (A8): diversions. A742: Temporary signals between Greenock and Inversity. A819: Roadworks Nof Inversary. A698: Temporary lights at Kelso.

Information supplied by the AA.

Despite strike of baggage handlers, BA plan to operate nearly 90 per cent of European and domestic flights from terminal one, Heathrow, Shortle and long-hand flights unaffected.

Because of French customs staff dispute, delays likely at French airports—and also border posts... Today's anniversary

Arcangelo Corelli was born at Fasignamo, 1653 and Edward German at Whitchurch, Shrop-shire, 1862. Deaths: Molière, Paris, 1673; Heinrich Heine, Paris, 1856; Geronimo, Apache jeader, Fort SIII, Oklahoma, 1988.

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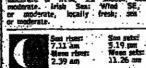
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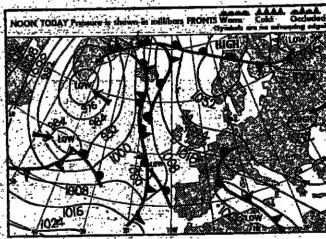
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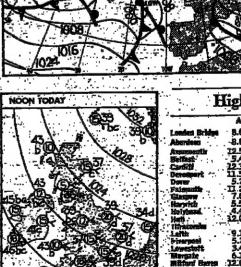
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1228: 18.35-18.40; NRW; 20MNE; NE*
and 20.17-20.19; NW; 30MNW; MRW*, http://doi.org/10.100/10.1





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- Around Britain

2.7 Abroad

